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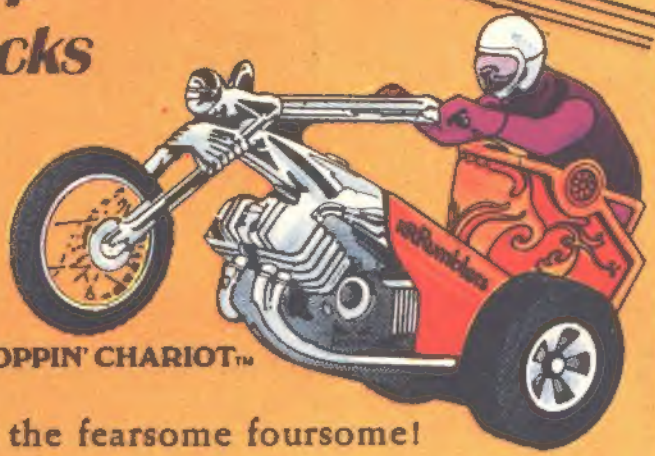

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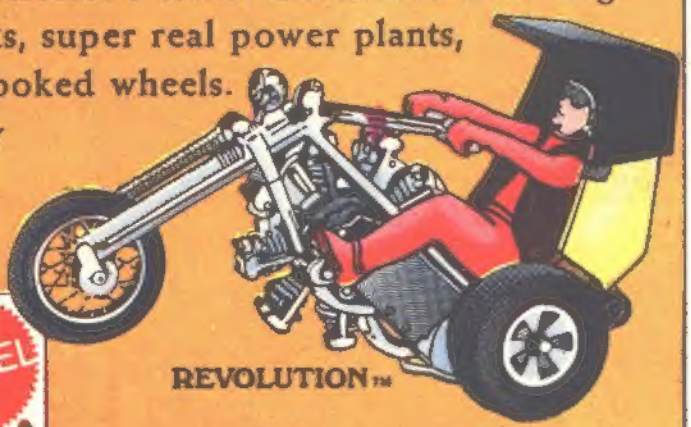

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A PLASTOID GLOBE-- FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF MY BODY HEAT!
ACROSS THE EMPTY VOID OF SPACE, THE STRANGE, PULSATING SPHERE TRACKS THE MAID OF MIGHT...
AMAZING! IT'S TRAVELING AS FAST AS I AM-- AND I HAVE AN UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING I'D BETTER NOT LET IT CATCH ME!
A SHORT DETOUR THROUGH THE HEART OF THAT DEAD STAR-- AND I'LL KNOW IF...
ONCE A SUN BLAZED HERE AND LIGHTED TEN BILLION BILLION LIVES... NOW AGAIN THERE IS BRIGHTNESS AND FLAME... BUT TOO LITTLE... TOO BRIEFLY...
... I WAS RIGHT!
BUT THE SPACE-SHAKING BLAST DOES NOT LEAVE THINGS UNAFFECTED-- IT MERELY LIGHTS THE BEGINNING OF A MOST PERILOUS ADVENTURE FOR THE ASTONISHING GIRL OF STEEL...
AND DEATH SHALL HAVE NO DOMINION
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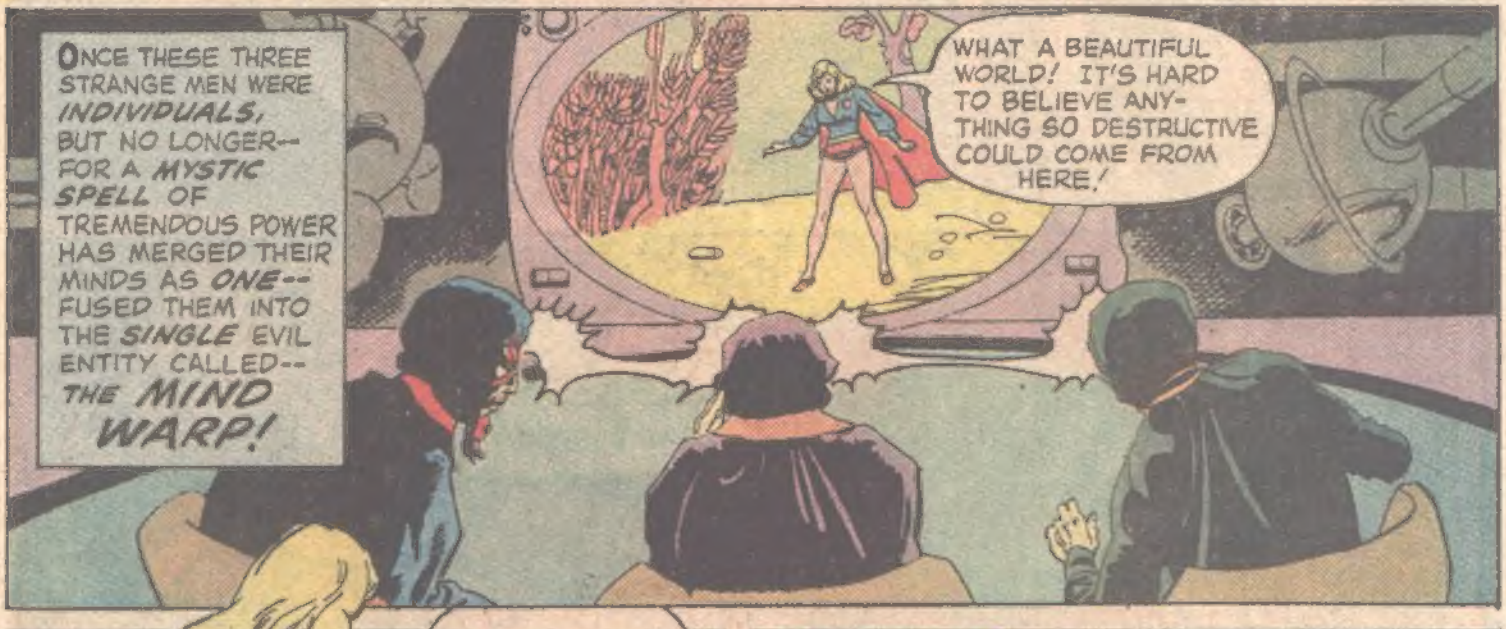
SOMEBODY SENT THAT LITTLE BLASTING-BALL AFTER ME FOR A REASON...
...AND BY USING MY SUPER-VISION TO TRACE THAT GLOBE'S ENERGY-TRAIL BACK TO ITS POINT OF ORIGIN-- I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THAT REASON IS!

BUT EVEN AS THE PRINCESS OF POWER HURTLES THROUGH THE TRACKLESS DEPTHS OF SPACE...
OPRA-- LOOK! THE SUPERGIRL APPROACHES!
INDEED SHE DOES! IT APPEARS OUR PLAN IS WORKING!
EXCELLENT, MY FRIENDS-- EXCELLENT!


ONCE THESE THREE STRANGE MEN WERE INDIVIDUALS, BUT NO LONGER-- FOR A MYSTIC SPELL OF TREMENDOUS POWER HAS MERGED THEIR MINDS AS ONE-- FUSED THEM INTO THE SINGLE EVIL ENTITY CALLED-- THE MIND WARP!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WORLD! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE ANY-THING SO DESTRUCTIVE COULD COME FROM HERE.

I'D BETTER FIND THAT DOOM-BALL'S LAUNCHING SITE BEFORE...
WAIT-- ONE OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS! IS HE FRIENDLY OR...?
WELCOME, TRAVELER! I AM TOGRAN, SON OF VORKO! WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE-- TO THE GARDEN OF MY MIND?

I'M CALLED SUPERGIRL! I CAME HERE SEEKING...
LOOK OUT! AN ENEMY ATTACK!!

THIS IS STARTING TO ANNOY ME!
NO-- WAIT! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST!
GREAT KRYPTON! THIS CONTRAPTION IS PROGRAMMED TO DEFEND ITSELF!
THE MISSILE'S MYSTIC DEFENSES WILL DESTROY THE GIRL--UNLESS I TAKE A HAND TO STOP IT!
I MUST CONCENTRATE-- HARNESS THE POWER OF MY MIND--!
THIS STUFF LOOKS LIKE RUNAWAY SEAWEED-- AND IT'S ALMOST UNBREAKABLE...
...UNBREAKABLE FOR ANYONE BUT A SUPERGIRL, THAT IS!
BR TAKK!
WHAT-- THE TORN STRANDS ARE OOZING A CHEMICAL SAP-- SOLIDIFYING INTO DIAMOND-HARD AMBER AROUND ME--!
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BY VIBRATING AT SUPER-SPEED, I'VE MELTED THE AMBER! BUT I..?
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE?
FOR A MOMENT, THE GIRL OF STEEL IS STUNNED-- AS AN ASTONISHING ALLY COMES TO HER RESCUE...
THE GARDEN-- IT'S ALIVE! IT'S PULLING THE KILLER-MISSILES RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY!
THAT WAS MY DOING, SUPERGIRL! THIS PLACE IS TOGRAN'S GARDEN-- ITS EVERY TREE AND FLOWER IS MINE TO COMMAND!
AND YOU COMMAND THEM WELL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD SEND THAT DEATH-GLOBE AFTER ME, TOGRAN!
AND IN TRUTH, I DID NOT, FAIR ONE! PERHAPS IT WAS THE WIZARDS OF THE MIND-WARP -- OR THE ENEMY!
THE WHO--? I'M ONLY CERTAIN THE SPHERE CAME FROM THIS REGION, TOGRAN!
THEN IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE THREE MIND WIZARDS! MY FATHER, VORKO, IS ONE OF THEM!
THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE YOU-- IN THE WAR WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR YEARS!
THEIR ATTACK WAS DESIGNED TO BRING YOU HERE!
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BUT WHY INVOLVE ME IN THEIR WAR, TOGRAN?
TO DEVASTATE THE ENEMY-- THE PEOPLE OF WESTLAND! EXCEPT FOR THE THREE WIZARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE WESTLANDERS HAVE DESTROYED OUR WHOLE NATION-- KILLED EVERYONE!
OUR MYSTIC SCIENCE IS ALL THAT PROTECTS US NOW-- BUT MY FATHER AND HIS COLLEAGUES DEMAND VENGEANCE!
THEY PASS THEIR TIME IN THAT TOWER-- ALWAYS PLOTTING, SCHEMING, FEEDING ON THEIR OWN HATRED--!
SO YOU THINK THEY TRIED TO GET MY HELP-- BY NEARLY KILLING ME?
IT'S THE MIND-WARP-- THE SORCEROUS SPELL THAT BINDS THEIR THOUGHTS TOGETHER AND ALLOWS THEM TO WARP THE EMOTIONS OF OTHERS...
...THEY'VE BEEN UNITED IN THE SPELL FOR SO LONG, I FEAR IT'S BEGUN TO WARP THEM, TOO!
THE MIND-WARP WAS ONCE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE WARRIORS OF WESTLAND! IT SAVED US FROM EXTINCTION-- BUT WE DON'T NEED IT NOW! THE POWER OF MY GARDEN IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
PLEASE, SUPERGIRL-- DON'T LET THEM USE YOU TO GAIN THEIR REVENGE!
DON'T WORRY, TOGRAN-- I WON'T!
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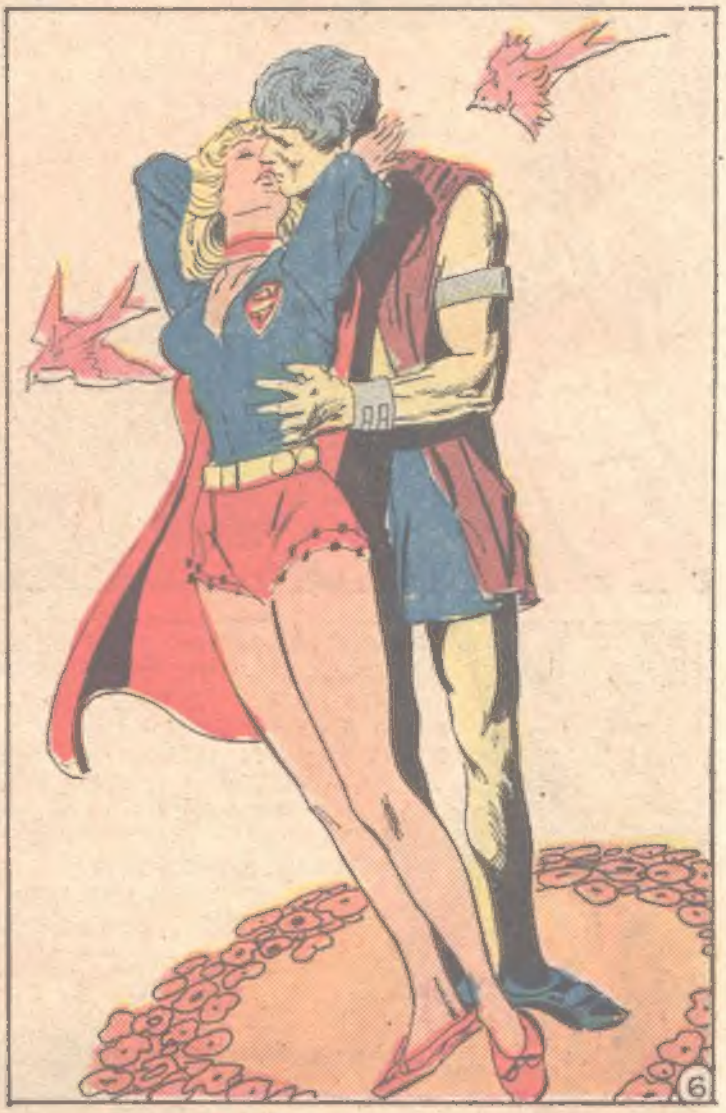
SHE'S PERFECT!
EXACTLY WHAT WE'VE NEEDED!
BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL! WE CANNOT AFFORD AN ERROR!
HIGH IN THEIR EBON TOWER, THE THREE WIZARDS GAZE AT THEIR LOVELY PAWN AND ARE CONTENT. THEY SMILE, THESE MASTERS OF THE MIND-WARP-- THESE PLOTTERS OF WAR-- THESE VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN MADNESS-- FOR THE TIME OF WAITING IS OVER AT LAST...

CAN YOU REALLY DEFEND THIS WHOLE REGION, TOGRAN?
AS LONG AS THE FIGHTING REMAINS LIMITED-- YES. YOU SEE, MY MIND CONTROLS THE PLANTLIFE HERE-- THAT IS MY POWER. I HAVE NO MEANS OF ATTACK-- BUT EVEN DEATH ITSELF DOESN'T SCARE ME NOW... NOT SO LONG AS ONE FLOWER BLOSSOMS OR A BLADE OF GRASS ENDURES!

I BELIEVE YOU, TOGRAN! IT'S...
PLEASE, SUPERGIRL! YOU MUST LEAVE MY WORLD NOW-- BEFORE YOU FALL VICTIM TO THE MIND-WARP!
BUT BEFORE YOU GO, I...
YES...?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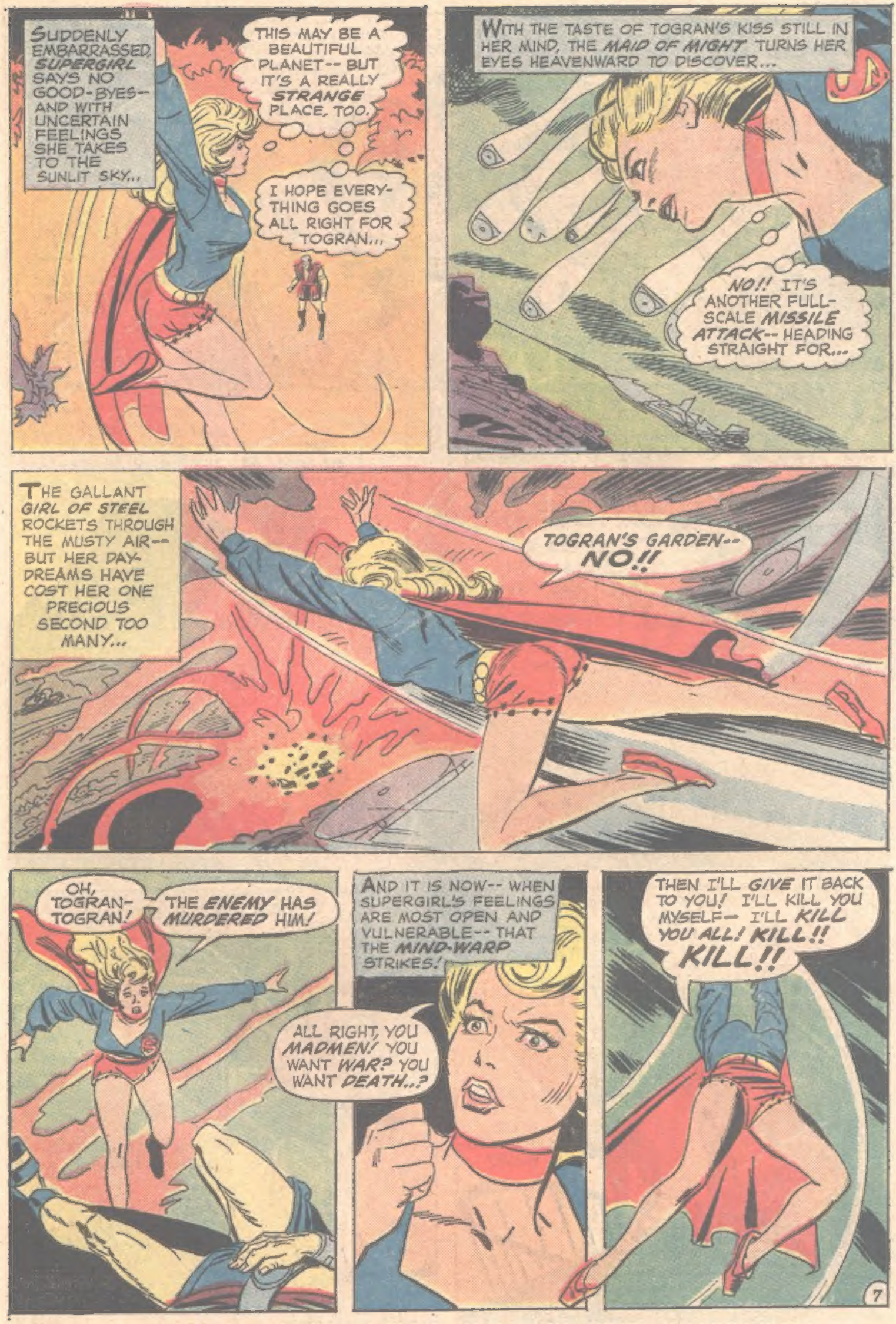
SUDDENLY EMBARRASSED, SUPERGIRL SAYS NO GOOD-BYES-- AND WITH UNCERTAIN FEELINGS SHE TAKES TO THE SUNLIT SKY...
THIS MAY BE A BEAUTIFUL PLANET-- BUT IT'S A REALLY STRANGE PLACE, TOO.
I HOPE EVERY-THING GOES ALL RIGHT FOR TOGRAN...
WITH THE TASTE OF TOGRAN'S KISS STILL IN HER MIND, THE MAID OF MIGHT TURNS HER EYES HEAVENWARD TO DISCOVER...
NO!! IT'S ANOTHER FULL-SCALE MISSILE ATTACK-- HEADING STRAIGHT FOR...
THE GALLANT GIRL OF STEEL ROCKETS THROUGH THE MUSTY AIR-- BUT HER DAY-DREAMS HAVE COST HER ONE PRECIOUS SECOND TOO MANY...
TOGRAN'S GARDEN-- NO!!
OH, TOGRAN-TOGRAN!
THE ENEMY HAS MURDERED HIM!
AND IT IS NOW-- WHEN SUPERGIRL'S FEELINGS ARE MOST OPEN AND VULNERABLE-- THAT THE MIND-WARP STRIKES!
ALL RIGHT, YOU MADMEN! YOU WANT WAR? YOU WANT DEATH..?
THEN I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU! I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF-- I'LL KILL YOU ALL! KILL!! KILL!!
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EVEN AS SUPERGIRL UTTERS HER MADDENED CRY...
IT'S WORKING, OPRA-- IT'S WORKING!
WE'VE TURNED HER INTO A HUMAN JUGGERNAUT!
THOSE FOOLS! I MUST GO TO MY SON, TOGRAN-- WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME TO SAVE HIM!
MINUTES LATER, AMIDST THE WRECKAGE THAT WAS ONCE CALLED TOGRAN'S GARDEN...
YOUR DEATH IS NOT FINAL, MY SON! THE THREE-AS-ONE CAN RESTORE YOU!
FORGIVE ME, MY SON-- BUT WE HAD TO USE YOU-- HAD TO LET YOU DIE-- OR WE COULDN'T HAVE CAUSED THE SUPERGIRL SUCH ANGER AND SORROW...
...AND WITHOUT THESE VIOLENT EMOTIONS RAGING, THE MIND-WARP COULD NEVER HAVE AFFECTED HER!
IT IS TIME, MY SON!
BREATHE, TOGRAN-- BREATHE! FILL YOUR LUNGS WITH LIFE-- AND RISE!
TOGRAN, YOU LIVE! I HAVE SUCCEEDED!
NO, FATHER-- YOU'VE FAILED! YOUR CRAZED SCIENCE MAY HAVE GIVEN ME RENEWED LIFE...
BUT I INTEND TO USE THAT LIFE-- TO PUT A FINAL END TO YOUR SENSELESS WAR!
I'M FLYING TO WESTLAND-- TO THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE...
TOGRAN-- DON'T!! IF YOU USE YOUR MIND-POWER TO FLY IN THIS WEAKENED STATE-- NOT EVEN WE CAN SAVE YOU AGAIN!
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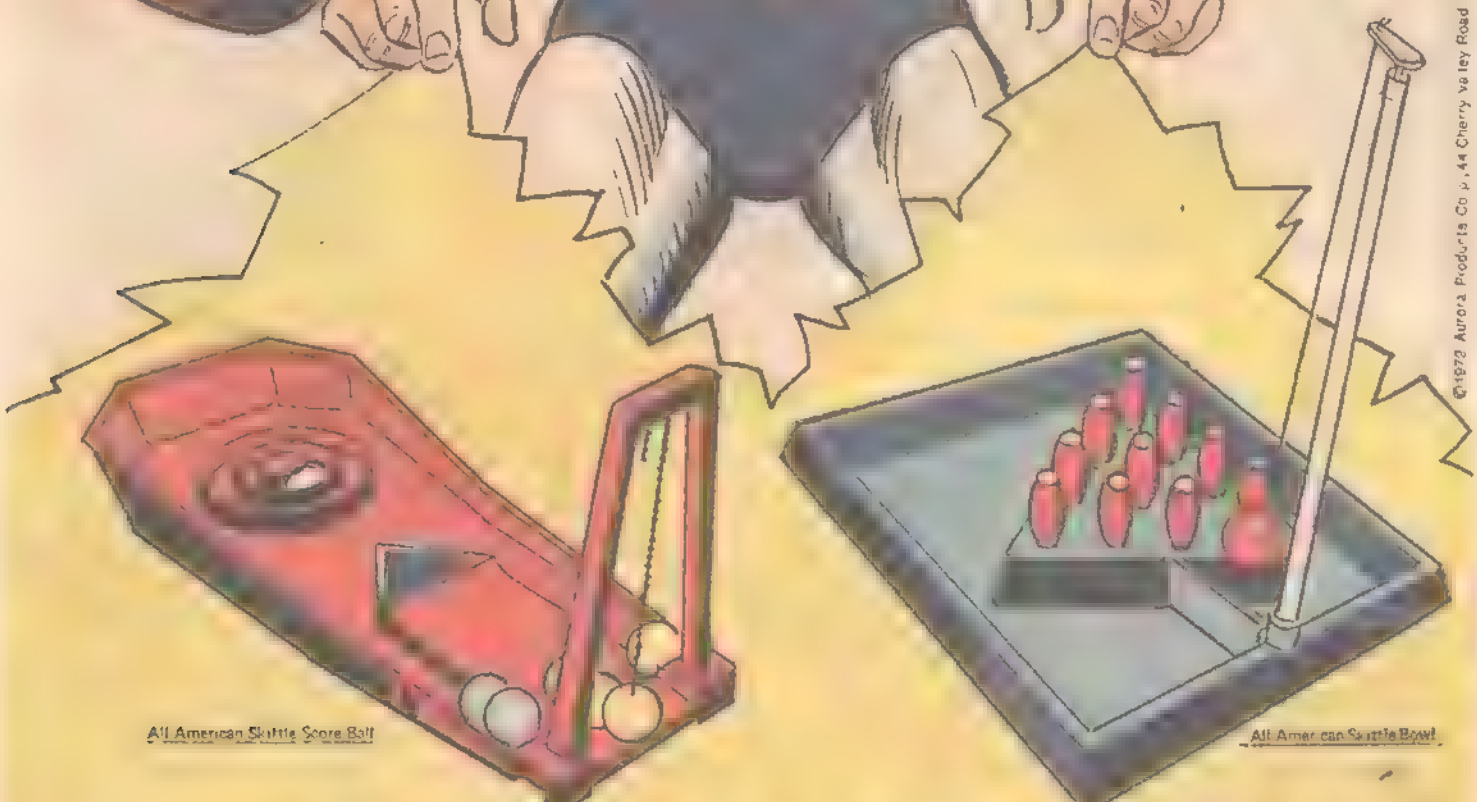

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NO...aaa!!!
GONE... MY SON... BUT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE... THE PLAN... WE HAD ENOUGH POWER TO RESTORE HIM... MY SON...
WHY SHOULD IT FAIL? WHY?
UNLESS...THEY BETRAYED ME?
OF COURSE... DRAAK AND OPRA... THEY WERE ALWAYS JEALOUS OF MY SON...
BUT I'LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR THEIR TREACHERY-- I'LL MAKE THEM PAY!
BRING ON YOUR ARMIES-- YOUR WEAPONS! I'LL DESTROY THEM ALL!
SUPERGIRL-- STOP!!
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I HAVE ONLY A MOMENT LEFT, SUPERGIRL. PLEASE LISTEN...
THE MISSILES THAT STRUCK ME DOWN WERE NOT FROM WESTLAND! THEY WERE LAUNCHED BY MY FATHER-- AND THE TWO WHO SHARE HIS POWER!
TOGRAN! HOW??
THEY'VE USED US BOTH, SUPERGIRL-- TO FURTHER A WAR THAT SHOULD HAVE ENDED YEARS AGO! WE'VE BEEN PAWNS, SUPERGIRL-- PAWNS!
FREE YOUR MIND-- REGAIN CONTROL OF YOURSELF! DON'T LET THEM KILL YOU-- AS THEY'VE KILLED ME!
AND EVEN AS TOGRAN GASPS OUT HIS FINAL WORDS, THE VIOLENCE HE OPPOSED REACHES FINAL CULMINATION...
VORKO-- NO! IT WAS YOUR PLAN, TOO, YOU FOOL!
WE THREE ARE BOUND AS ONE, VORKO!
CAN'T YOU SEE? IF YOU KILL ONE-- YOU KILL US ALL!
THE TOWER IS DESTROYED... ALL ARE DEAD...
AT LEAST... I PREVENTED... MORE WARFARE...
...AND DIED TWICE FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE, TOGRAN!
THE WIZARDS AND THEIR EVIL HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, TOGRAN-- BUT NOT YOU! NO-- NEVER YOU!
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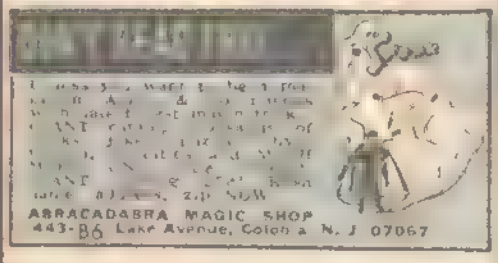

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REMEMBER ME?... THE HUMAN BEING WHO'S ABLE TO ASSUME THE POWERS OF ANIMALS! SURE--YOU THINK IT'S A GREAT BLESSING... YOU ENVY ME--WISH YOU WERE IN MY PLACE! BUT DON'T JUMP THE GUN, FRIEND... FIRST WATCH WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I TURNED MY TALENTS TO CRIME-FIGHTING! I'LL BET YOU'LL BE ASKING THE SAME QUESTION: AM I...
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ANIMAL-MAN, HERO OR FREAK?

MY PAL ROGER AND I SPENT THE DAY BUZZING THE CITY IN OUR PRIVATE PLANE! WE WEREN'T OUT FOR KICKS--THIS WAS BUSINESS...
...AND THERE'S THE ANIMAL CORNER PET SHOP, BUDDY--MARK IT ON OUR MAP! DID WE CHECK THE STORE'S STOCK?
SURE THING...DOGS, CATS--THE USUAL DOMESTIC PETS--PLUS A GORILLA!
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ANIMAL CORNER
A GORILLA, HUH? MAKE A NOTATION OF THAT...
ALREADY DID ROG! THERE'S CITY ZOO BELOW--WE'VE GOT THE LIST OF ANIMALS IN THERE...LET'S HEAD HOME!
"HOME" TO ME, FROM THE TIME I DONNED MY COSTUME AS THE MAN WITH ANIMAL POWERS, WAS A CAVERN IN THE WILDERNESS...
WELL, THERE IT IS, BUDDY--THE LIST AND LOCATIONS OF ALL KNOWN ANIMALS IN THE CITY! IF YOU EVER HAVE TO GO INTO CRIME-FIGHTING ACTION THERE...
YEAH...ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS MANEUVER MYSELF TO WITHIN A THIRTY-YARD RANGE OF THOSE CREATURES...
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REMEMBER...YOU DIDN'T ASK TO BECOME A SUPER-BEING! IT JUST HAPPENED, AND YOU'RE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT!
IT HAPPENED, ALL RIGHT! ONE MINUTE, I WAS A NORMAL HUMAN...ALL SET FOR A MARRIED LIFE WITH ELLEN! THEN--IT HAD TO WING IN FROM OUTER SPACE...
...THAT GLOWING GLOB OF GALACTIC JUNK LANDED NEAR MY HUNTING LODGE, AND LIKE AN IDIOTIC FOOL--I HAD TO INVESTIGATE!
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...IT EXPLODED IN MY FACE AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW—POW! I HAD SOMEHOW BECOME THE MAN WITH ANIMAL POWERS!!
ALL PROWL CARS, ATTENTION! BURGLAR ALARM HAS JUST BEEN TRIPPED AT SECOND NATIONAL BANK! PROCEED THERE AT ONCE...
A HOLDUP...IN THE CITY! HERE'S WHERE WE PUT OUR ANIMAL RESEARCH TO WORK, ROG... LET'S MOVE!
WITHIN SECONDS, WE WERE ON OUR WAY--BUT...
YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS, PAL! SECOND NATIONAL ISN'T WITHIN ANIMAL RANGE OF ANY PET SHOPS! ONLY THE AQUARIUM IS NEARBY--ABOUT THREE BLOCKS AWAY!
THEN I'VE GOT TO CORNER THOSE CRIME CREEPS IN THAT VICINITY... THAT'S THE BATTLE PLAN!
DON'T MOVE TOO FAST--MAKE SURE YOU'VE ASSUMED THE POWERS OF THOSE SEA CREATURES IN THE AQUARIUM TANK BEFORE YOU ACT...
TALK ABOUT LUCK--WHEN WE HIT THE CITY...
THE CROOKS' GETAWAY ROUTE...PASSING THE AQUARIUM! HERE'S WHERE I SWING INTO ACTION, ROG...
I COULD FEEL IT! UNDERWATER ANIMALS' STRENGTH SURGING THROUGH MY BODY... BUT I STILL HAD
THE MANEUVERABILITY OF A SWORDFISH IS COMING THROUGH...THE ILLUSIVENESS OF A MINNOW--THE CUNNING AND STRIKING POWERS OF THE OCEAN DOLPHIN...BUT WHICH FISH POWER WILL I ASSUME?
THEN, IT HIT ME--AND I WAS IN ACTION...WILD, CRAZY, UNBELIEVABLE ACTION...
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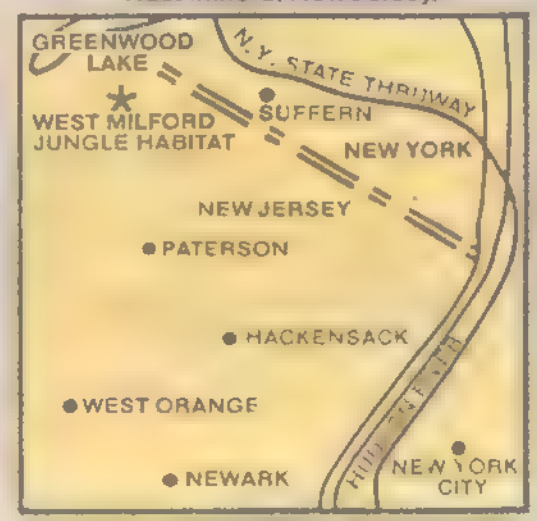

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AS THE CRIMINALS SCRAMBLED, SO DID I-- IN A HIGH LEAP...
OOF! WH-WHAT HIT US?
HE NAILED ARCHIE AND GUMPO WITH ONE OF HIS CRAZY ANIMAL LEAPS! BUT HE'S STILL GOT A PROBLEM-- CATCHING US!
CLAM UP-- AND LET'S GRAB A SUBWAY TRAIN BEFORE HE SOLVES THAT PROBLEM!
SUBWAY
YOU DID IT! SCRATCH TWO HOODS!
YES... BUT TWO OF THEIR PALS HAVE ESCAPED! THIS ISN'T THE WAY THE GAME'S SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYED... I SHOULD HAVE "HOOKED" THEM ALL!
HOW ABOUT THAT?... SUPER-ANIMAL POWERS AND I STILL COULDN'T PUT THE "BIG ARM" ON THOSE GOONS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, A-MAN... CHARACTERS LIKE THAT ALWAYS PULL A REPEAT PERFORMANCE! SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL NAIL THEM!

WELL, AS MY PAL ROG SAID -- SOONER OR LATER! AND IT WAS SOONER -- THE VERY NEXT DAY WHEN...
...THE HOODLUMS ARE NOW IN THE CITY SAVINGS BANK, FORCING THEM TO OPEN UP THE MAIN VAULT! ALL SQUAD CARS CONVERGE ON THAT LOCATION IMMEDIATELY!
SEE?... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PAIR OF RATS AREN'T TRAPPED!
NOW I'VE GOT TO PLAY THE CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME AGAIN... PROBABLY WITH THE SAME HOODS!
ROGER GUNNED THE MOTOR -- AND WITHIN MINUTES, WE WERE JOHNNYS-ON-THE-SPOT...
THIS JUST ISN'T OUR DAY, BUDDY... A GANG OF CRIMINALS AND NO ANIMALS! AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT OUR MAP SAYS!
SO WHO HAS TO BE SUPER TO DEAL WITH PUNKS LIKE THESE? I CAN STILL TAKE THEM ON... WITH MY HUMAN POWERS!
THAT WAS REAL BRAVE OF ME -- BUT I FORGOT ONE DETAIL... A BARRAGE OF LEAD...
CAN'T LEAP INTO THE GETAWAY CAR WITH THIS STREAM OF BULLETS FLYING AT ME...
TRIGGER AWAY! DROP THAT COSTUMED CREEP AND HIS PAL. I'VE HAD THEM BOTH UP TO MY EARS!
I MANAGED TO DUCK THEIR DEADLY MISSILES -- BUT ROG WAS IN REAL TROUBLE...
A-MAN'S STILL STANDING! YOU GOONS COULDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN DOOR! SLAM INTO HIS PAL'S CAR... AT LEAST WE'LL GET ONE OF THEM!
ROG! TAKE OFF! THOSE CHARACTER'S ARE GOING TO...
...RAM, YOU!
OHMYGOSH!
CRASH
5

ROGER WAS REALLY LIMP WHEN I REACHED HIM -- LIKE A SACK OF WET LAUNDRY-- AND WE STILL HAD THOSE GOONS ON OUR BACKS...
GET 'EM! DROP 'EM BOTH... OR YOU BOYS WON'T SEE ANY PAYDAY THIS WEEK!
C'MON, PAL... WE'RE A COUPLE OF CHARACTERS ON THE RUN! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ALL THE ANIMALS ON MOTHER EARTH? HAVE THEY BECOME EXTINCT?
WE STAGGERED TO THE END OF THE ALLEY.. AND THAT'S WHEN I SPOTTED HER DOCKING...
THE U.S.S. SAFARI... DOCKING FROM AFRICA, WITH A BOATLOAD OF WILD ANIMALS FOR THE STATESIDE ZOOS! I'VE GOT A SOURCE OF ANIMAL POWERS, ROG... SIT DOWN AND WATCH THE ACTION!
THERE HE IS-- DROP HIM!
FUNNY... I--I CAN FEEL THE ANIMAL EMANATIONS HITTING MY BODY, BUT I'M NOT PICKING UP FULL STRENGTH! WHAT GIVES?
NO WONDER! LION AND TIGER CUBS... A BABY GORILLA! WHAT A TIME FOR A SHIPMENT OF YOUNG ANIMALS TO HIT PORT! IN ACQUIRING THE STRENGTH OF ANY OF THOSE ANIMALS, I'LL STILL ONLY BE AT HALF-STRENGTH! I WON'T HAVE THE POWERS OF THEIR FULL-GROWN PARENTS!
BULLETS AGAINST BABY ANIMAL POWERS... THIS OUGHT TO BE SOME SHOW! OKAY, YOU CHARACTERS... LET'S RING UP THE CURTAIN!
6

LIKE A CUB LION, I BOUNDED TOWARDS THEM, AND...
HE'S COMIN' AT US... LIKE AN AFRICAN CAT! CUT HIM DOWN!
GOT TO USE MY AGILITY TO DUCK THESE BULLETS...

HE... GOT TO US...
YEAH... BUT I'M RUNNING OUT OF STEAM! CAN FEEL THE LION CUB'S POWER WANING...

THEN, AS I REGAINED MY FEET..
UH-OH... THEY STARTED A WHARF FIRE WITH THEIR WILD SHOOTING! GOT TO PUT THAT OUT FAST! THE HOODS RUN SECOND THIS TIME!

ONCE AGAIN, I LAPSED INTO DEEP, INSTANT CONCENTRATION, AND...
NEVER TRIED THIS TRICK BEFORE -- BUT IF I CAN ASSUME THAT ELEPHANT'S POWERS, PERHAPS I CAN DOUSE THIS INFERNO...

IT WORKED! I'M SHOOTING WATER FROM MY MOUTH LIKE AN ELEPHANT DOES WITH ITS TRUNK! TOO BAD, THOUGH, I HAD TO LET THAT GANG ESCAPE!

LATER, BACK AT MY "LAIR"..
THOSE HOODS SLIPPED OUT OF MY GRASP AGAIN, ROGER! GUESS THIS JUST ISN'T MY WEEK...
CHEER UP, BUDDY BOY-- YOU'RE GOING TO GET ANOTHER CRACK AT THEM! THEY'RE BACK IN CRIME ACTION AGAIN--RIGHT NOW!
A POLICE REPORT... THEIR BOSS IS NAMED GRABO, AND THEY'VE JUST ROBBED THE ART MUSEUM OF VALUABLE PAINTINGS! THEY'RE MAKING THEIR GETAWAY WESTWARD..
WESTWARD! WE'RE IN LUCK, PAL--THEY'RE TAKING THE PARK HIGHWAY THROUGH THE ZOO...
... AND THE ZOO HAS A SWARM OF ANIMALS I CAN DRAW POWERS FROM! AH!... THERE'S MY LITTLE WILD RABBIT FRIEND!
GO TO IT, PAL! UTILIZE ITS POWERS TO GET YOU TO THE ZOO AREA... AND AGAIN-- GOOD LUCK!
AFTER THE RABBIT'S AGILITY SURGED THROUGH MY BODY..
MAKING GOOD TIME WITH MY RABBIT ANIMAL POWERS! HOPE I'M IN TIME TO CUT OFF GRABO!
I--I SEE IT... BUT IS IT REALLY THERE?
AND A THOUSAND HOPS LATER...
THERE'S GRABO AND HIS BOYS, BUT... BUT I'M NOT ASSUMING ANY POWERS FROM THE ANIMALS IN THE ZOO! WHAT GIVES?
8

HOWLING BOBCATS! THE ZOO'S BEEN CLOSED... AND THEY'VE MOVED ALL THE ANIMALS FROM THE CAGES! THERE ISN'T A BEAST NEARBY TO DRAW POWERS FROM!
A-MAN... LIP AHEAD! RUN HIM OVER!
ZOO CLOSED UNDER CONSTRUCTION
LUCKY I STILL HAVE ENOUGH OF MY RABBIT POWERS LEFT-- TO PULL THIS LITTLE STUNT...
YOU FOOL! HE'S SPRUNG OUT OF REACH WITH HIS CRAZY ANIMAL POWERS! WELL, AT LEAST HE'S OFF OUR BACKS!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BUSTER! AS THE OLD SAYING GOES... 'I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO FIGHT!"
HEY... WHAT'S THAT NUT UP TO?
I--I'M SEEIN' STARS... LOTS OF 'EM!
THAT'S NOT ALL YOU'RE GOING TO SEE, MISTER! WHEN THE POLICE ARE FINISHED WITH YOU, YOU'LL BE PEERING OUT BETWEEN BARS!
WOMP
MY ACTION PANICKED THE DRIVER OF THE GETAWAY TRUCK -- HE VEERED SHARPLY AND...
THIS IS A ROUGH WAY TO PUT ON THE BRAKES... BUT AT LEAST THEY'VE STOPPED!
KWAAAAM
NITWIT! NOW WE'VE GOT TO HOOF IT... AND WE CAN'T LUG THOSE STOLEN MASTERPIECES!
9

GRABO STARTED RUNNING LIKE A SCARED CHICKEN-SO I POUNCED ON HIM LICKETY-SPLIT...
HOLD YOUR HORSES, GRABO-I'M NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET!
WHAMP
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PUT YOU ON "ICE" UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE!
WHAMMO
MINUTES LATER...
IT'S HIM AGAIN... THAT FANTASTIC CRIME-FIGHTER WHO CALLS HIMSELF A-MAN!
I'M SURE GLAD HE'S ON OUR TEAM! BECAUSE OF A-MAN, WE'VE CAUGHT OURSELVES ANOTHER TOP HOOD!
POLI
ONCE AGAIN, I RETURNED TO MY CAVERN HEADQUARTERS, WHERE...
WOW! YOU'RE REALLY BECOMING FAMOUS, BUDDY BOY! I'VE JUST BEEN READING ABOUT YOUR LATEST EXPLOITS! SOME SHOW, HUH?
IT WAS A PIP--BUT I NAILED HIM, ROGER...
A-MAN DOES IT AGAIN! CRIMINAL GRABO CAPTURED
...LIKE I WILL WITH ALL OF HIS KIND! SOONER OR LATER, I'LL WIPE CRIME FROM THIS CITY... AND THE COUNTRY!
AND YOU'RE JUST THE GUY THAT CAN DO IT, PAL--WITH THE POWERS OF... A-MAN!
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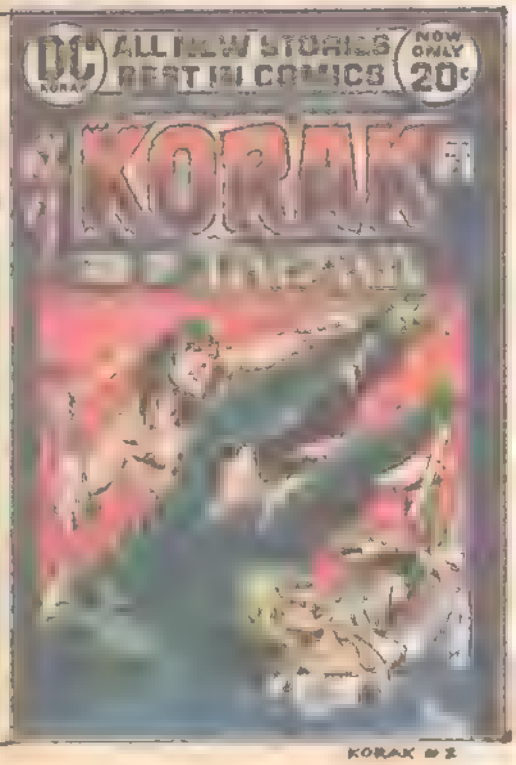

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THESE ARE THE STAR MEN
THESE ARE THE STAR MEN--THE NEW BREED! THE BOLD--THE BRAVE--THE GOOD AND THE BAD! THE FAMOUS AND THE INFAMOUS... AND THIS IS CON RIKON'S STORY--WHO WAS THE MOST WANTED MAN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM...
THE TREASURE OF KRAG--AND IT'S GUARDED BY STATUES--NOTHING BUT STONE STATUES...
THE PLANET KRAG IS SMALL, UGLY--AND DEADLY! BUT IT HAS THE GREATEST COLLECTION OF PRECIOUS STONES IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE... MANY BRAVE AND RECKLESS MEN HAVE TRIED TO WRENCH THIS TREASURE FROM THE PLANET'S GRASP... MEN LIKE...
NIL THE MARTIAN... RIKSHU FROM PLUTO... REGO FROM ANTARES I... THE BEARDED KRANG FROM RIGEL-4...
BUT NOT ONE OF THESE MEN HAS EVER RETURNED FROM THE PLANET KRAG!
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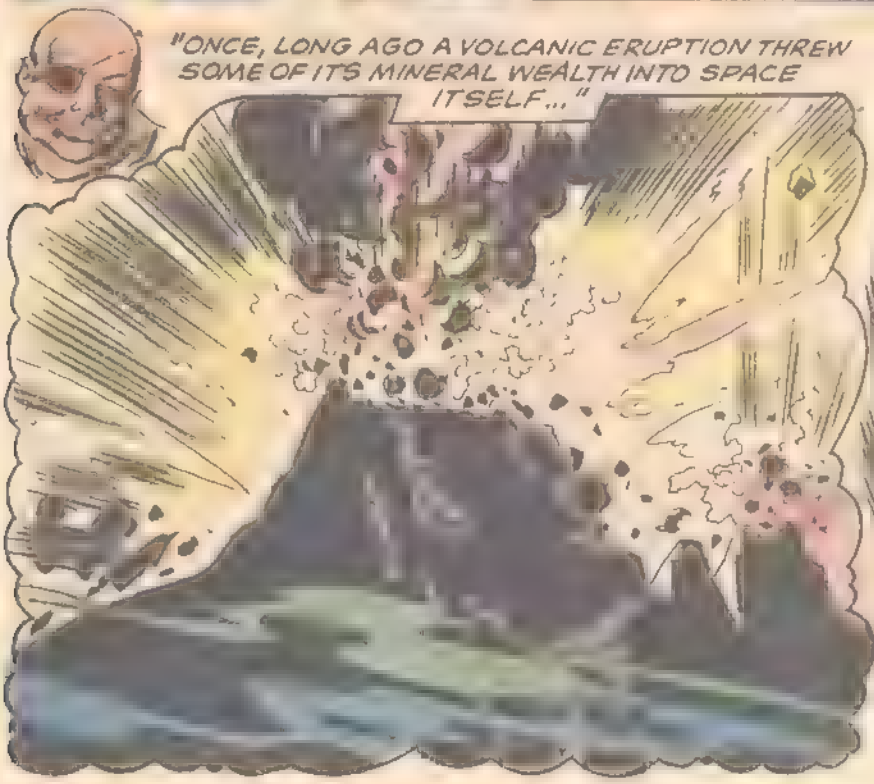
THE YEAR IS 2500 A.D. AND THROUGH THE TWISTED SLUM STREETS OF NEW EARTH* A SHADOWY FIGURE MOVES SILENTLY...
THERE'S THE PLACE-- JUST UP AHEAD...
SPACE INN
*ED NOTE: FIRST EARTH CITY ESTABLISHED ON MARS IN THE YEAR 2100 A.D.

THE SILENT FIGURE THREADS HIS WAY THROUGH THE ODDLY MIXED GROUP AT THE MARTIAN BAR...
...AND AS YET NO WORD AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE ESCAPED CRIMINAL!
NOTHING SUSPICIOUS HERE... JUST THE USUAL COLLECTION OF RIFF-RAFF...

AND MOMENTS LATER...
RIKON, YOU MADE IT... THE VIDEO SHEETS ARE FULL OF--
YEAH, YEAH-- I BROKE OUT JUST LIKE I SAID I WOULD! DID YOU GET THE STAR ROUTE FOR KRAG AS PER AGREEMENT?
I HAVE THE MAP RIGHT HERE, PLUS...

...ALL THE INFORMATION I COULD FIND ABOUT THE PLANET KRAG AND ITS TREASURE! BUT FIRST, THE 50,000 CREDITS, AS PER AGREEMENT!
YOU GOT IT!

MANY HAVE TRIED TO STEAL THE TREASURE OF KRAG-- BUT NO ONE HAS EVER RETURNED FROM THAT BLEAK WORLD...
GO ON...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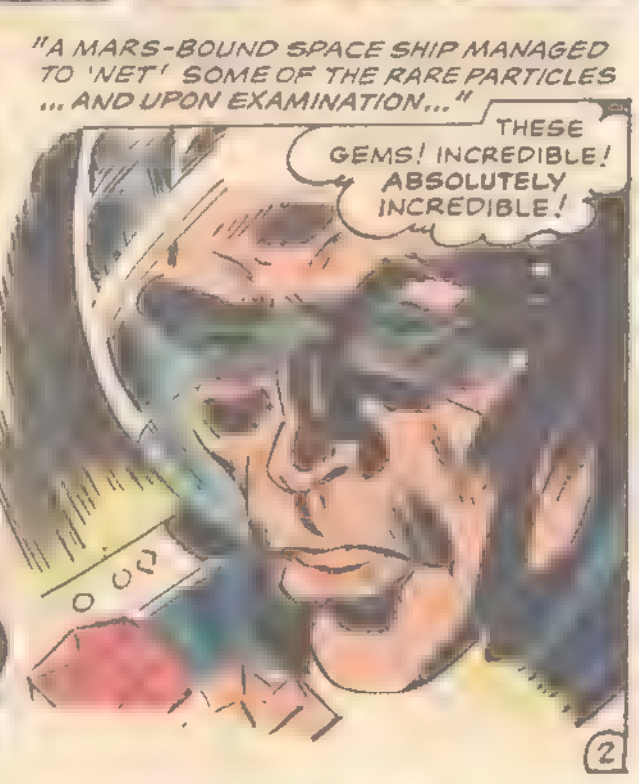
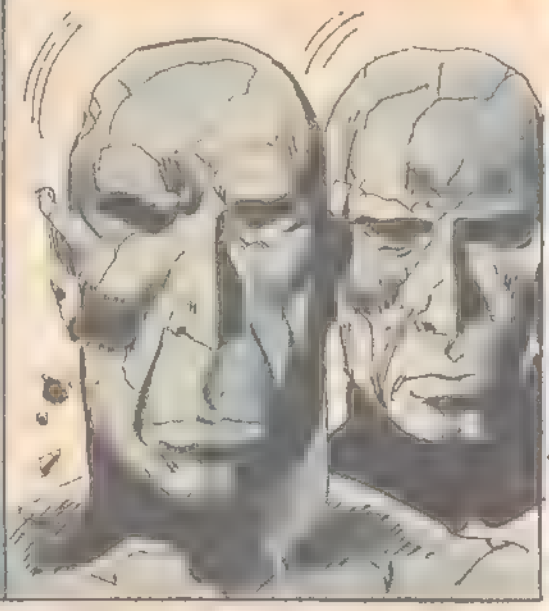

"A MARS-BOUND SPACE SHIP MANAGED TO 'NET' SOME OF THE RARE PARTICLES ... AND UPON EXAMINATION..."
THESE GEMS! INCREDIBLE! ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!

"AN ARMADA OF SHIPS TRIED TO INVADE KRAG, BUT STRANGE DESTRUCTIVE RAYS SURGED UP FROM THE PLANET ITSELF SCATTERING THE SHIPS IN CONFUSION..."
JUST A HANDFUL OF THOSE JEWELS AND I CAN STOP RUNNING... I CAN BUY...
RIKON! THIS IS THE SOLAR POLICE-- COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS HIGH...
"SINCE THEN, KRAG HAS BEEN LEFT ALONE..."
IS THIS HIGH ENOUGH--?
SLEEP GAS! UGHHH...
CRASH
VARROOM
GOT TO GET TO MY SHIP-- BEFORE THE ALL-SPACE ALARM GOES OUT...
...MANY HOURS LATER, AT SOLAR POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
CONRAD RIKON ORBITING PLANET KRAG-- DO WE GO IN AFTER HIM? OVER...
NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE! RETURN TO BASE!
IF HE'S LANDING ON KRAG, THAT'S THE END OF RIKON...
...AND AS NIGHT FALLS ON THE PLANET KRAG...
ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THIS IS THE TREASURE AREA-- TAKE IT SLOW AND EASY-- NOW...
--NO SIGN OF LIFE...
THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS-- NOTHING BUT ROCKS...
3

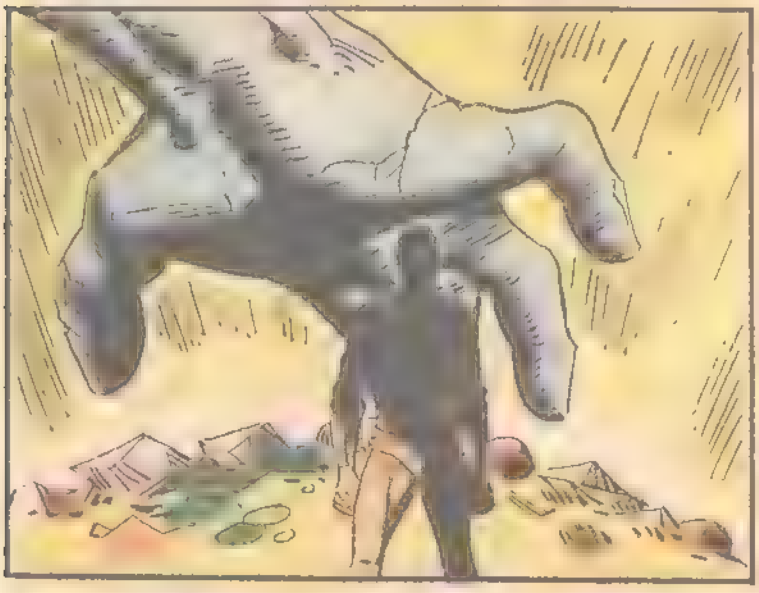
SLOWLY, CAREFULLY--RIKON MOVES OUT...
AIR TESTED OUT OKAY--SMELLS LIKE SULPHUR--AT LEAST I DON'T NEED THE HEAVY TANKS AND HELMETS...
...SUDDENLY--SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY...
A HUGE FIGURE... A GUARD!
TRY A LASER BOLT FOR SIZE!
BUT ON CLOSER EXAMINATION...
GET HOLD OF YOURSELF--IT'S ONLY A STONE STATUE...
FEEL FAINT--IT'S THIS HEAVY AIR...
AND NOW, IN THE NARROW CANYON AHEAD...
--MORE STATUES--A WHOLE SLEW OF 'EM! AND AT THE END...
--A HUGE STONE GOD--AND THE TREASURE OF KRAG!
NOT A LIVING SOUL. JUST STATUES--AND THE TREASURE--IT'S MINE FOR THE TAKING!
NEVER SAW SUCH GEMS!
SO EXCITED--CAN HARDLY BREATHE...
C-CAN'T MOVE--CHOKING--GASP! I-I...
...AND CONRAD RIKON, MOST WANTED MAN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, STANDS STIFF AND UNMOVING, LIKE A STATUE!
4

...AS IF ON CUE, THE STONE STATUES MOVE FROM THEIR POSITIONS ON THE CANYON WALLS...

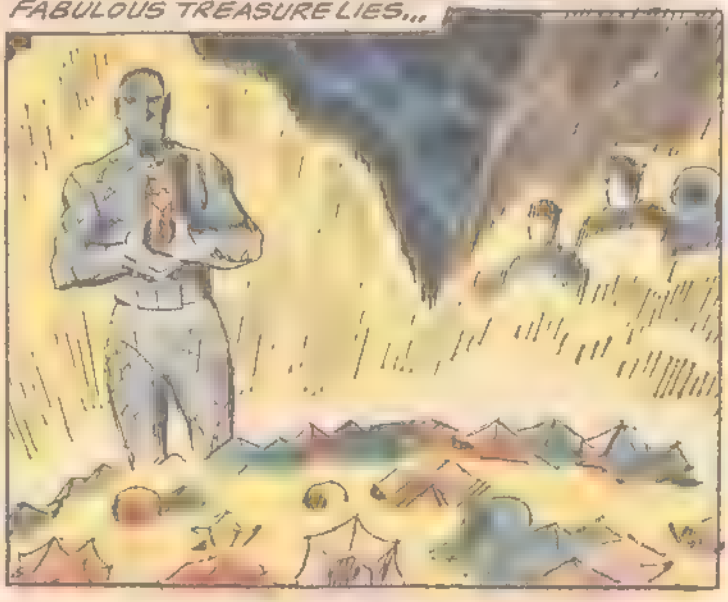
FOR EVEN AS YOU AND I ARE MADE OF FLESH AND BLOOD ON OUR PLANET, THE PEOPLE OF KRAG ARE MADE OF STONE...



AND THE "STONE GOD" PLUCKS THE STIFF, LIFELESS FIGURE OF CONRAD RIKON FROM THE GROUND...



...AND CARRIES HIM INTO THE YAWNING MOUTH OF THE CAVE, WHERE THE GREAT BULK OF THE FABULOUS TREASURE LIES...



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AND RIKON WILL STAND THERE, A LITTLE STONE STATUE, GUARDING FOR CENTURIES THE FABULOUS TREASURE HE SOUGHT TO STEAL -- FOR YOU SEE THE ATMOSPHERE ON THIS PLANET KRAG SOONER OR LATER, TURNS ALL LIVING THINGS TO STONE... AND CONRAD RIKON, MOST HUNTED MAN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM -- WAS NO EXCEPTION!

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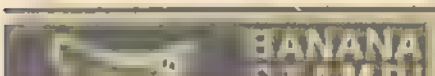

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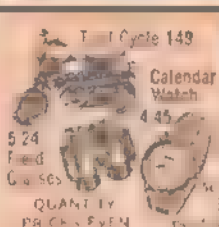

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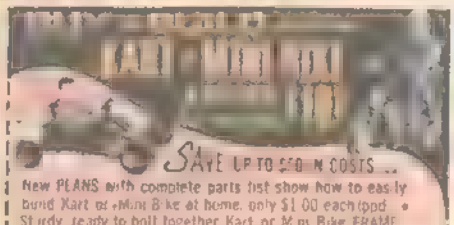

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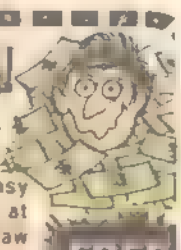

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If you believe in **GHOSTS**—and even if you don't—better not read the **August** issue of that magazine **(#6)** just before going to bed! You might find your dreams haunted by a "Ghost Cargo from the Sky," as well as the other scare-stories in the ish—"The Specter Poured the Poison," "Ride with the Devil" and "Death Awaits Me!" It goes on sale **May 4,** so be watching the stands—and get your copy before some phantom fingers snatch it away!

What weird beings haunt the lochs of Scotland? That's what the **TEEN TITANS** set out to discover in "Spawn of the Sinister Sea." It's their **August** issue, and puts them in a fantastically weird situation! Follow the world's greatest young heroes as they travel to the Highlands in one of the strangest adventures of their careers! It's **#40** and it goes on the stands **May 4!**

Who will be the new lama, selected to rule over Tibetan exiles in India? Well, we know who's aiding in the search—and if **THE PHANTOM STRANGER** can't discover the rightful lama, we don't know who can! You can accompany him on this mission by getting your copy of his magazine for **August (#20)**, when it goes on sale—**May 9!** Miss it and you'll miss more than you can imagine!

CAPTAIN SPEAKING! START A SWEEP OF THE WHOLE AREA IMMEDIATELY!
FIRST WE LOST STEICH... NOW, ONA!
NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET THE KID GO OUT ALONE!

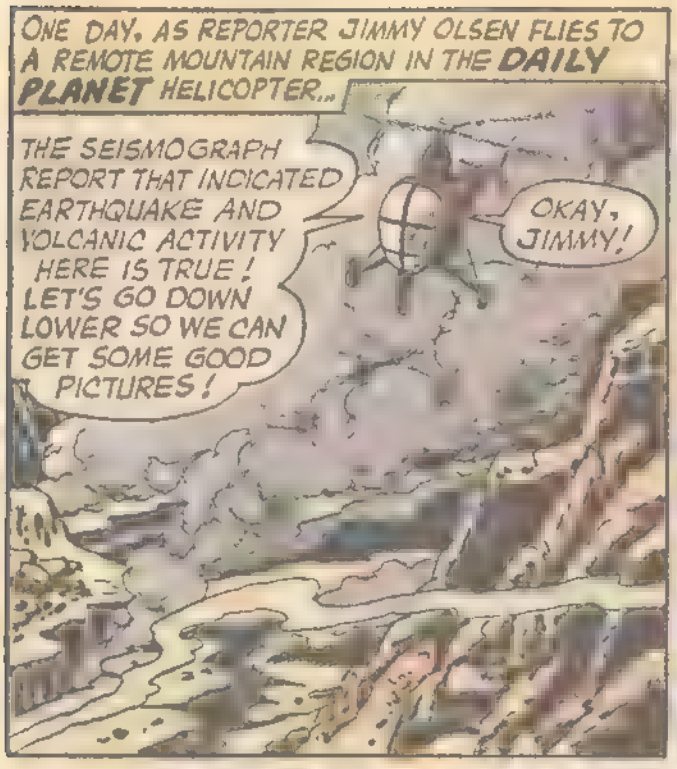
Ona goes on a mission—and vanishes! Have **The Losers** lost another member? You'll recall that **Capt. Storm** was the first to go . . . but is he really dead? There's just a hint in this ish that he **might** have survived . . . but Editor Joe Kubert refuses to tell me whether this hint will lead to anything—and if so, what! Oh, yes—two other stories in this issue: "The Comic Strip," a **U.S.S. Stevens** tale, and "Shotgun Frogman." It's the **August/OUR FIGHTING FORCES (#138)**, on sale **May 9!**

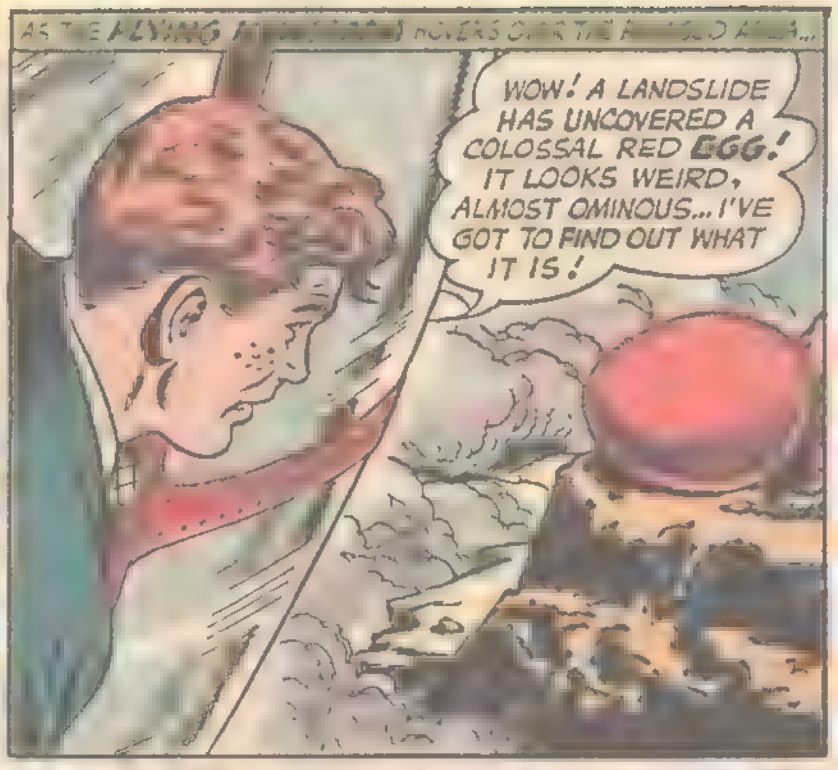
At last—the full story of **Scott Free's** last days on **Apokolips,** before he came to Earth and became **MISTER MIRACLE!** Learn of "Himon"—the mystery man who invented the **Boom Tube** and the first **Mother Box**—and who taught **Scott** his amazing escape tricks! Discover how **Scott** first met **Big Barda!** And how she helped him escape! This is only part of the excitement awaiting you in the **August** issue **(#9)**, which hits the newsstands **May 11!** It's the big one—so be sure to get it!

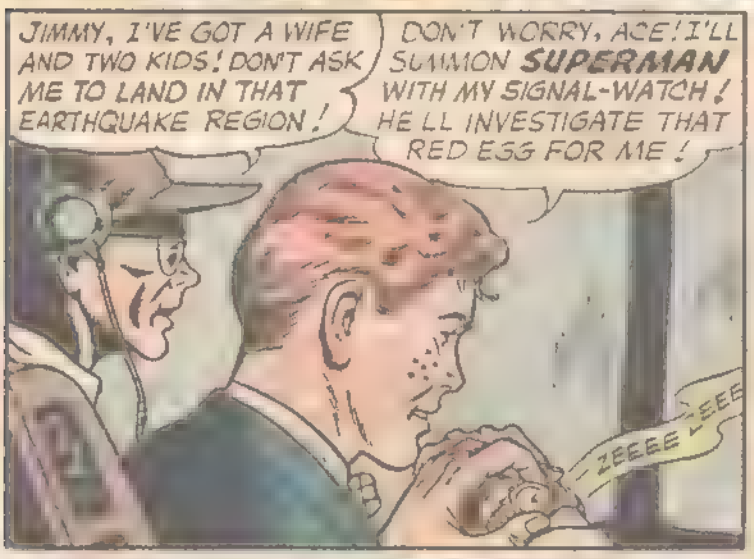
What happens when **SUPERMAN** is deprived of the ability to use his super-strength—because every time he does, the force he throws backfires against him? The solution to his dilemma lies with a cat and a kid—specifically, "The Kid Who Stole Superman's Powers"—and, I might add, with the **Man of Steel's** full cooperation! If you want to know more, read the **July SUPERMAN (#254)**, which comes out on **May 11!** Oh, yes—Neal Adams illoed a **Clark Kent** story—"The Baby Who Walked Through Walls!" In it, **Clark** solves a mystery **without** using his super-powers!

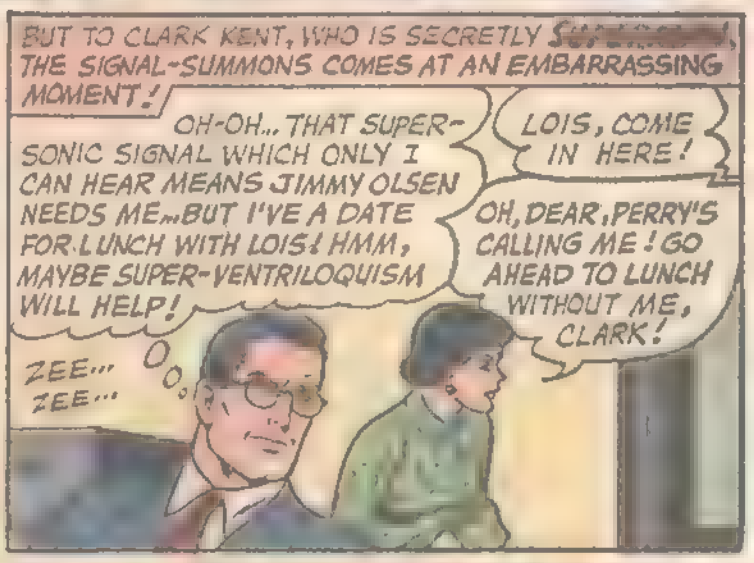
The time is the late 1930's—and **KORAK, SON OF TARZAN,** tackles a group of Nazis who are working on a new, super-light metal for use in airships! This clash between the **Ape-Man's son** and the minions of Hitler is sure to thrill you! Oh, yes—there's more adventure with **Carson of Venus** this issue, too! More fantastic doings with Edgar Rice Burroughs' interplanetary hero! Don't miss this **August** issue **(#47)**, on sale **May 11!**

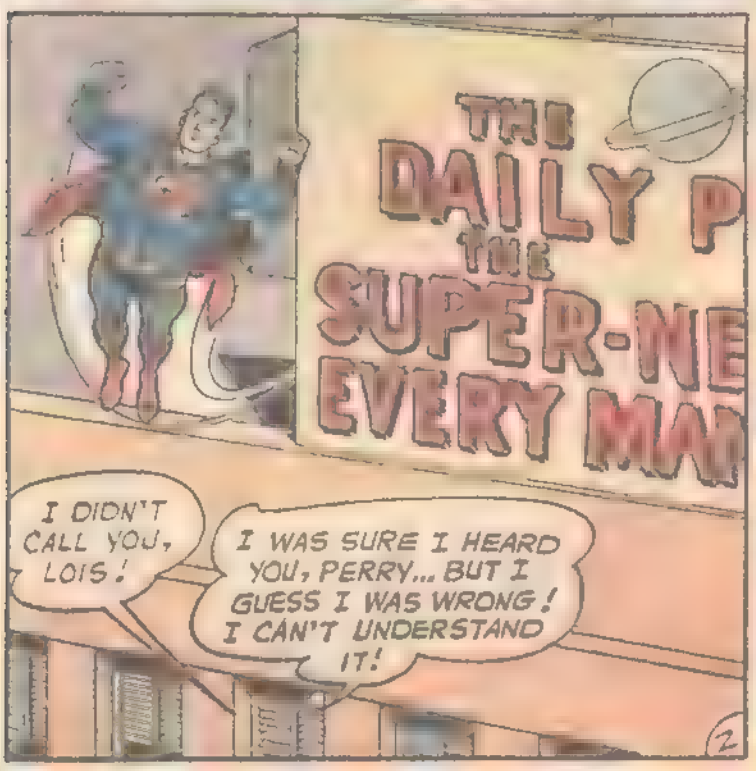
IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I WAS JUST LINDA DANVERS—LIVING WITH MY FOSTER PARENTS. IT WAS A DIFFERENT WORLD BACK THEN, WHEN I WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH MY COUSIN, SUPERMAN... AS SHOWN IN THIS EARLY ADVENTURE...
SUPERGIRL
ORIGINALLY PRINTED IN ACTION COMICS NO. 303, AUG. 1963.
The MONSTER from KRYPTON!
HOW CAN I POSSIBLY TELL THEM THAT I'M SUPERMAN... AND THAT RED KRYPTONITE HAS TRANSFORMED MY BODY INTO THE SHAPE OF THIS GROTESQUE, GHASTLY CREATURE?
SUPERMAN, THE IDOL OF METROPOLIS... DEAD! AND HERE COMES THE FRIGHTFUL MONSTER THAT DESTROYED HIM!
ANNUAL PICNIC for CHILDREN
DONATED BY METROPOLIS PUB ASSOC.


ONE DAY, AS REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN FLIES TO A REMOTE MOUNTAIN REGION IN THE DAILY PLANET HELICOPTER...
THE SEISMOGRAPH REPORT THAT INDICATED EARTHQUAKE AND VOLCANIC ACTIVITY HERE IS TRUE! LET'S GO DOWN LOWER SO WE CAN GET SOME GOOD PICTURES!
OKAY, JIMMY!


AS THE FLYING [illegible] HOVERS OVER THE [illegible]...
WOW! A LANDSLIDE HAS UNCOVERED A COLOSSAL RED EGG! IT LOOKS WEIRD, ALMOST OMINOUS... I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!


JIMMY, I'VE GOT A WIFE AND TWO KIDS! DON'T ASK ME TO LAND IN THAT EARTHQUAKE REGION!
DON'T WORRY, ACE! I'LL SUMMON SUPERMAN WITH MY SIGNAL-WATCH! HE'LL INVESTIGATE THAT RED EGG FOR ME!
ZEEEEE ZEEE


BUT TO CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN, THE SIGNAL-SUMMONS COMES AT AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT!
OH-OH... THAT SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL WHICH ONLY I CAN HEAR MEANS JIMMY OLSEN NEEDS ME... BUT I'VE A DATE FOR LUNCH WITH LOIS! HMM, MAYBE SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM WILL HELP!
LOIS, COME IN HERE!
OH, DEAR, PERRY'S CALLING ME! GO AHEAD TO LUNCH WITHOUT ME, CLARK!
ZEE... ZEE...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I DIDN'T CALL YOU, LOIS!
I WAS SURE I HEARD YOU, PERRY... BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
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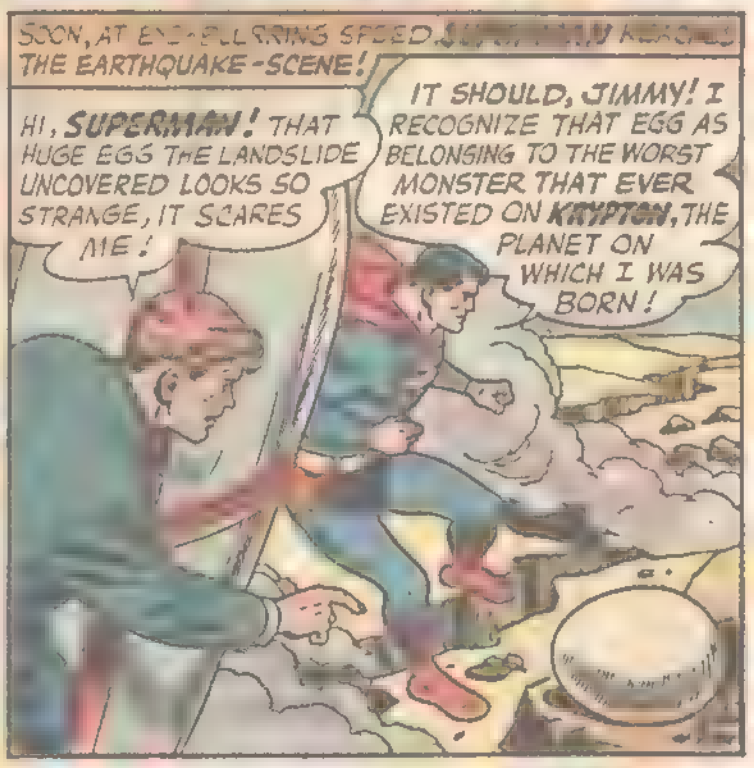
SOON, AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED SUPERMAN REACHES THE EARTHQUAKE-SCENE!
HI, SUPERMAN! THAT HUGE EGG THE LANDSLIDE UNCOVERED LOOKS SO STRANGE, IT SCARES ME!
IT SHOULD, JIMMY! I RECOGNIZE THAT EGG AS BELONGING TO THE WORST MONSTER THAT EVER EXISTED ON KRYPTON, THE PLANET ON WHICH I WAS BORN!

USING HIS AMAZING ABILITY OF TOTAL RECALL, THE MAN OF STEEL REMEMBERS WHEN HE WAS BABY KAL-EL ON KRYPTON, THE SON OF SCIENTIST JOR-EL...
JOR-EL, WE'VE FOUND EGGS OF THE TERRIBLE DRANG, THE MONSTER EVERYONE THOUGHT WAS EXTINCT.
THOSE EGGS MUST NOT HATCH ON KRYPTON!
THE DRANGS WREAKED DESTRUCTION ON OUR GREATEST CITIES YEARS AGO, AS THIS PICTURE SHOWS! THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN! I'LL CALL THE SCIENCE COUNCIL TOGETHER!
"ON KRYPTON, LIFE WAS NEVER TAKEN UNNECESSARILY, SO A HUMANE PLAN WAS ADOPTED!"
THE EGGS ARE BEING LAUNCHED IN CONTAINERS TO A WARM, UNINHABITED PLANET! THE PROTECTIVE CONTAINERS ARE DESIGNED TO DISSOLVE AWAY IN TIME AND THE DRANG EGGS WILL HATCH WHERE THEY WON'T HARM ANYONE!
"BUT THERE WAS ONE SLIP IN THE LAUNCHING!"
THE MISSILE WITH THE LAST EGG WE LAUNCHED HADN'T ENOUGH ROCKET-POWER AND WENT INTO CLOSE ORBIT AROUND KRYPTON!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT... IT WON'T HATCH IN COLD SPACE, SO IT'LL NEVER BE A MENACE!
BUT WHEN KRYPTON BLEW UP, THE EXPLOSION MUST HAVE HURLED THAT ORBITING EGG TOWARD EARTH! ITS CONTAINER DISSOLVED, BUT SILT COVERED THE EGG UNTIL NOW, SO IT COULDN'T HATCH!
SUPERMAN--ANOTHER QUAKE HAS STARTED... AND LOOK AT THE GIANT EGG. LOOK!
THE EGG'S ROLLING DOWN INTO THAT SMOKING FISSURE!
IT'S HOT DOWN THERE, AND HEAT WOULD QUICKLY HATCH THE EGG. I MUST PREVENT THAT... I'M GOING DOWN IN THERE AFTER IT!
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AFTER SUPERMAN PLUNGES INTO THE FISSURE, JIMMY OLSEN WAITS ANXIOUSLY!
I CAN'T SEE INTO THE FISSURE BECAUSE OF THE SMOKE... BUT WHAT'S SUPERMAN DOING DOWN THERE SO LONG? WAIT... SOMETHING IS MOVING DOWN THERE... HE MUST BE COMING OUT NOW!
BUT TO JIMMY'S HORROR...
THAT MONSTER! THE EGG MUST HAVE HATCHED! AND IT'S GOT SUPERMAN'S COSTUME IN ITS JAWS! OH, NO... THIS KRYPTONIAN MONSTER HAS KILLED SUPERMAN!
WHY IS JIMMY RECOILING? I THOUGHT THAT BY HOLDING MY COSTUME IN MY JAWS I WOULD MAKE HIM REALIZE THE TRUTH... THAT I AM SUPERMAN! I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!
"WHEN I DIVED DOWN INTO THAT FISSURE, I FELT AN OMINOUS TINGLING..."
THE FALL SMASHED THE EGG. IT'LL NEVER HATCH NOW! BUT THIS WEIRD SENSATION... IT'S THE TINGLING I ALWAYS FEEL WHEN I GET NEAR RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH ALWAYS WORKS AN UNPREDICTABLE AND DIFFERENT CHANGE IN ME!
"BECAUSE I WAS THINKING OF A DRANG AT THAT VERY MOMENT, EXPOSURE TO RED KRYPTONITE TURNED ME INTO ONE!"
THE SHELL OF THE GIANT RED EGG IS RED KRYPTONITE! WHEN THE ORBITING EGG WAS HURLED THROUGH SPACE, IT MUST'VE PASSED THROUGH THE CRIMSON COSMIC CLOUD THAT CONVERTED ITS SHELL INTO RED K! I'VE GOT TO LET JIMMY KNOW IT'S ME... I'LL SHOW HIM MY COSTUME, TO EXPLAIN THE CHANGE!

BUT, SEEING NOW THAT JIMMY HAS MISUNDERSTOOD

HE DIDN'T REALIZE MY MEANING...HE'S FLEEING! I'LL HIDE MY COSTUME AND FIND SOME OTHER WAY OF TELLING HIM!

FLY AWAY FROM HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN, ACE! WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST A MONSTER THAT ;CHOKE!; DEVOURED SUPERMAN!

AS THE "MONSTER" WHO IS REALLY SUPERMAN ATTEMPTS TO FOLLOW...

BACK TO METROPOLIS ...WE'VE GOT TO CARRY WARNING OF THIS MONSTER!

I'M FLYING ERRATICALLY, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T YET LEARNED HOW THIS STRANGE BODY FLIES! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO CONTROL IT, BEFORE I CAN FOLLOW JIMMY AND SOMEHOW MAKE HIM REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!

...AND SOMEHOW GET IN TOUCH WITH SUPERGIRL! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP US!

AND SOON, AT THE DAILY PLANET...

LOOK, THERE IT COMES... IT'S FOLLOWED ME!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST, IT'S REAL, AND TERRIBLE! I DIDN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING COULD KILL SUPERMAN. BUT I BELIEVE YOU NOW! I'LL CALL THE ARMED FORCES!

THE DAILY PLANET

THE SUPER-NEWS EVERY MOON

THOSE SEPARATE LETTERS OF THE ADVERTISING SIGN... IF I CAN REARRANGE THEM INTO WORDS, I CAN TELL THEM I'M SUPERMAN!

IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US... RUN!

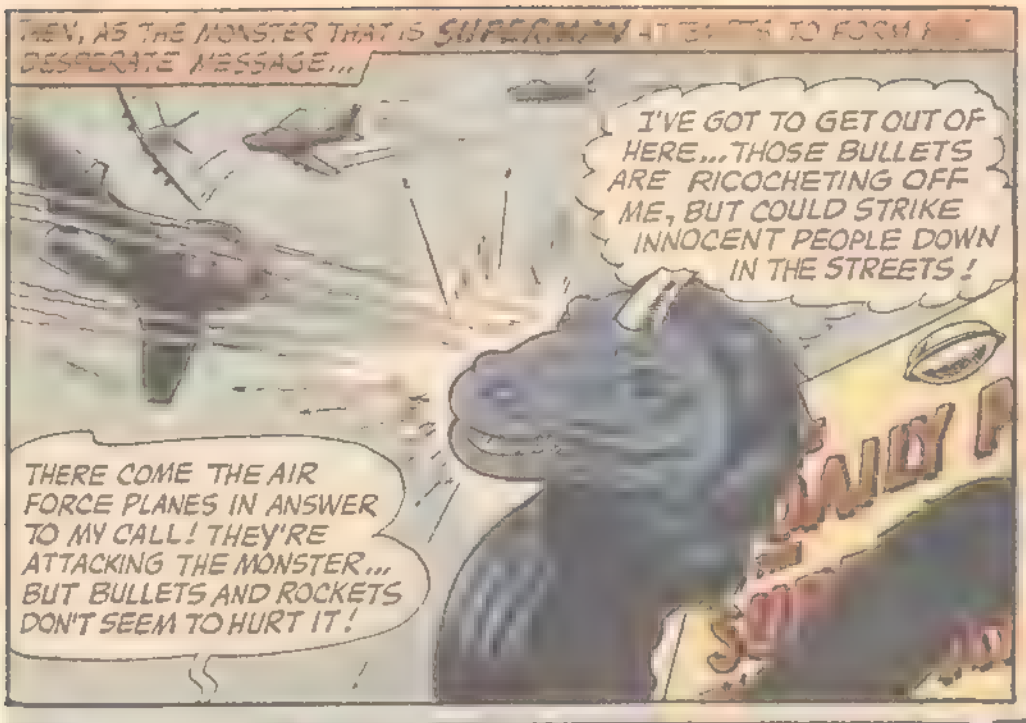
I ;SOB; DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, NOW THAT SUPERMAN IS DEAD!

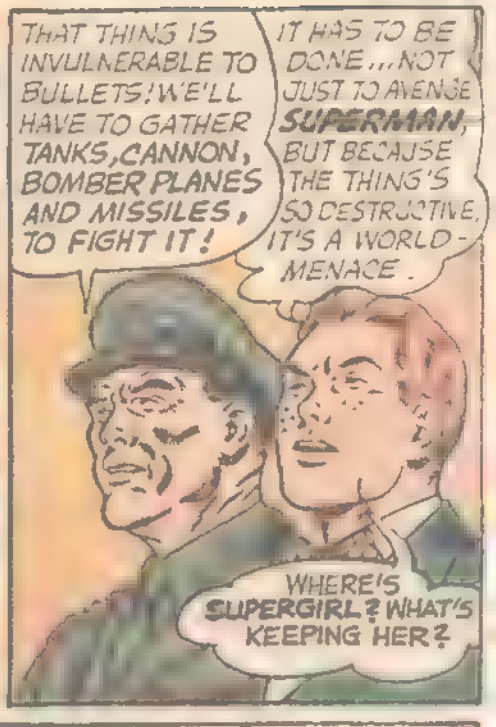
PRESENTLY, THE AWED POPULACE OF METROPOLIS SEES THE NIGHTMARE CREATURE LOOMING ABOVE IT!

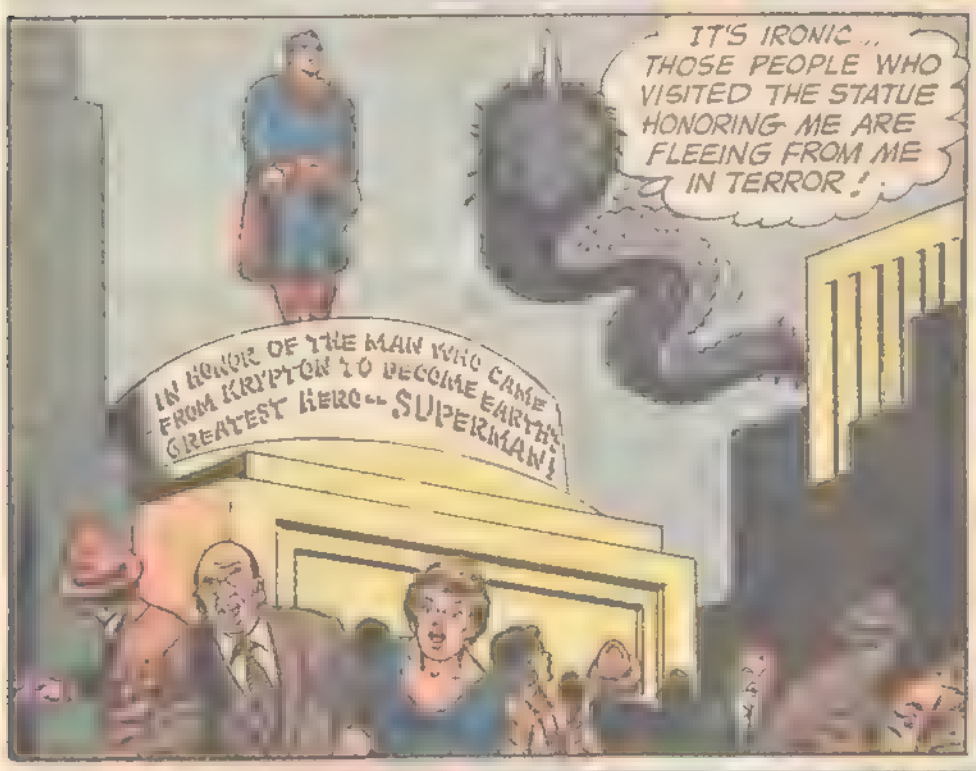
THE SUPER-NEWSPAPER EVERY MOON

IT'S LIKE A BAD DREAM... BUT IT'S REAL!

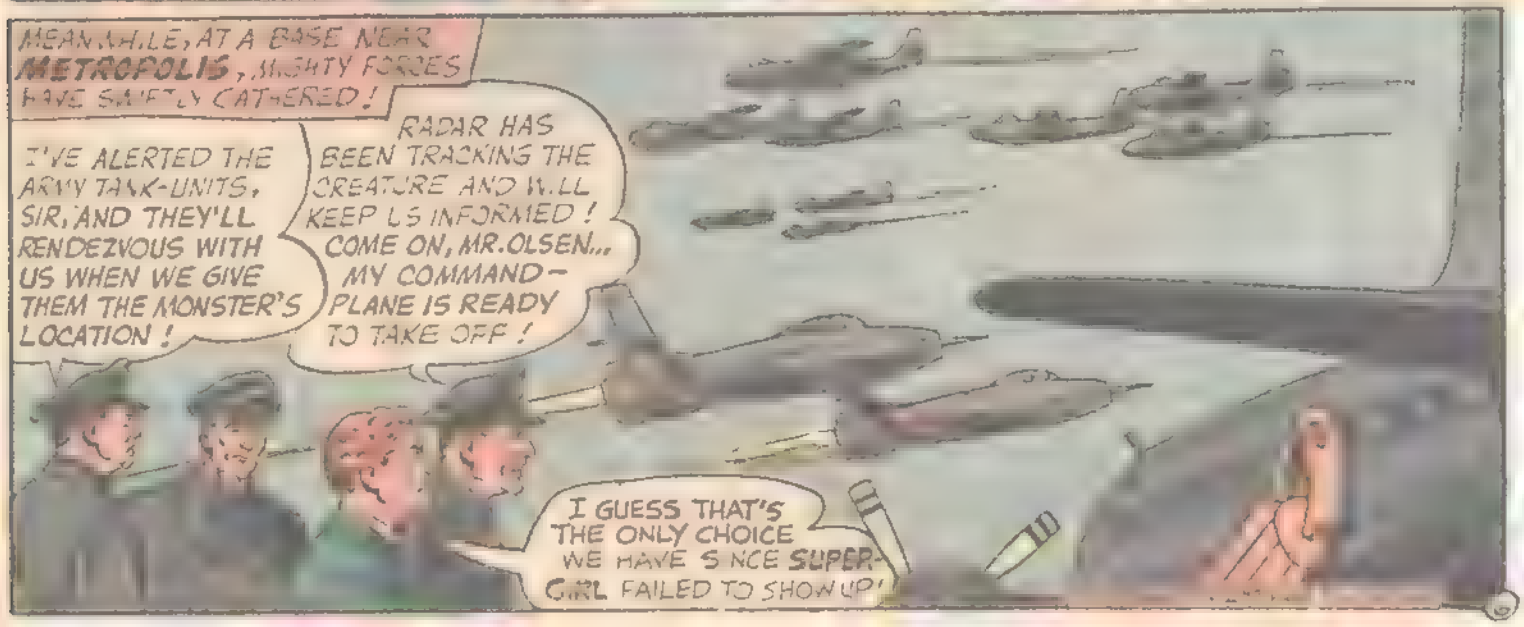
LOOK... IT'S STARTING TO TEAR UP THE PLANET BUILDING!


THEN, AS THE MONSTER THAT IS SUPERMAN ATTEMPTS TO FORM A DESPERATE MESSAGE...
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... THOSE BULLETS ARE RICOCHETING OFF ME, BUT COULD STRIKE INNOCENT PEOPLE DOWN IN THE STREETS!
THERE COME THE AIR FORCE PLANES IN ANSWER TO MY CALL! THEY'RE ATTACKING THE MONSTER... BUT BULLETS AND ROCKETS DON'T SEEM TO HURT IT!


THAT THING IS INVULNERABLE TO BULLETS! WE'LL HAVE TO GATHER TANKS, CANNON, BOMBER PLANES AND MISSILES, TO FIGHT IT!
IT HAS TO BE DONE... NOT JUST TO AVENGE SUPERMAN, BUT BECAUSE THE THING'S SO DESTRUCTIVE, IT'S A WORLD-MENACE.
WHERE'S SUPERGIRL? WHAT'S KEEPING HER?


IT'S IRONIC... THOSE PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE STATUE HONORING ME ARE FLEEING FROM ME IN TERROR!
IN HONOR OF THE MAN WHO CAME FROM KRYPTON TO BECOME EARTH'S GREATEST HERO—SUPERMAN!

I MUST SOMEHOW TELL THEM THAT I'M SUPERMAN BEFORE THE THING I FEAR MOST HAPPENS... THE THING THAT COULD BE DEADLY TO ME...


MEANWHILE, AT A BASE NEAR METROPOLIS, MIGHTY FORCES HAVE SAFELY GATHERED!
I'VE ALERTED THE ARMY TANK-UNITS, SIR, AND THEY'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH US WHEN WE GIVE THEM THE MONSTER'S LOCATION!
RADAR HAS BEEN TRACKING THE CREATURE AND WILL KEEP US INFORMED! COME ON, MR. OLSEN... MY COMMAND-PLANE IS READY TO TAKE OFF!
I GUESS THAT'S THE ONLY CHOICE WE HAVE SINCE SUPERGIRL FAILED TO SHOW UP!

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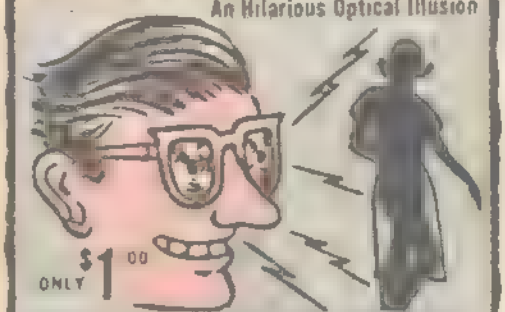

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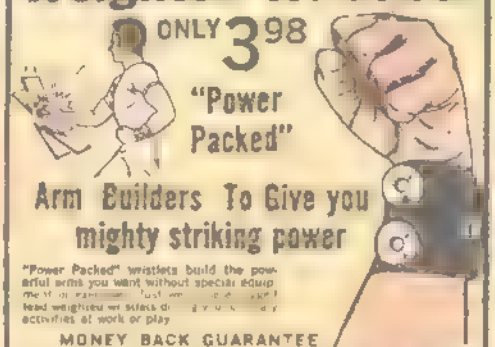

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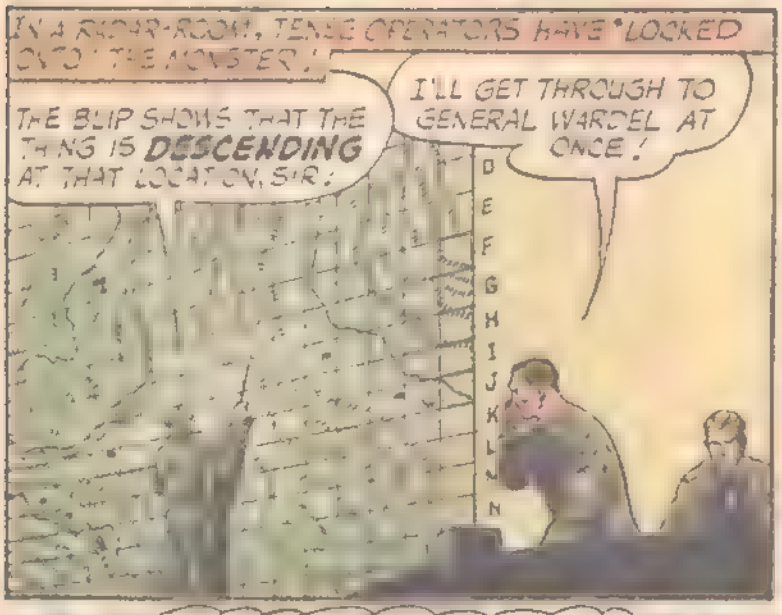
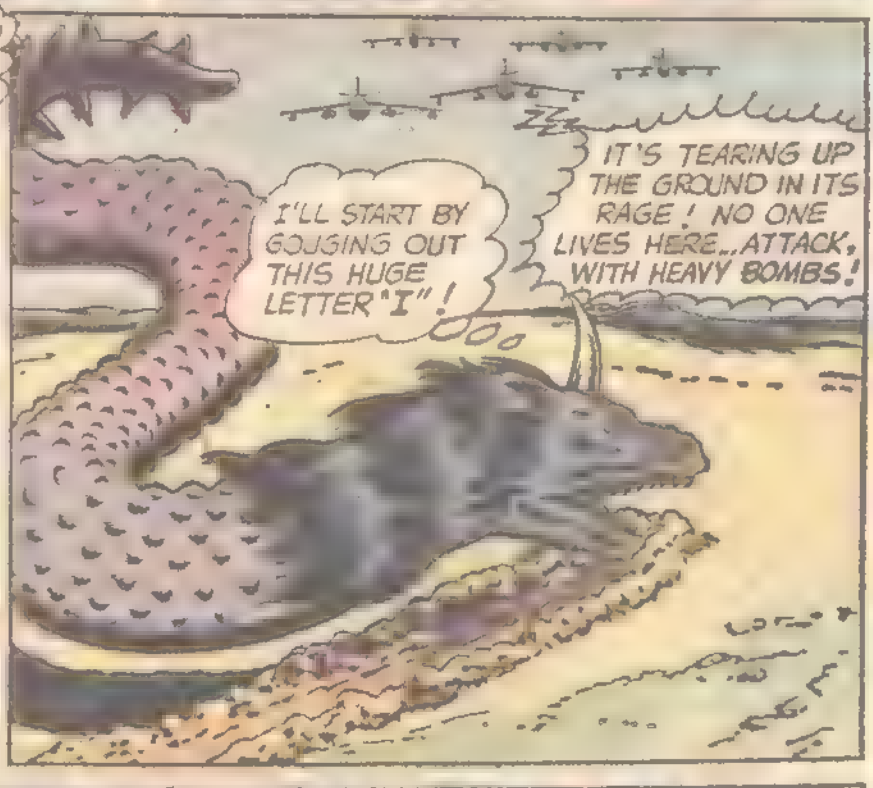
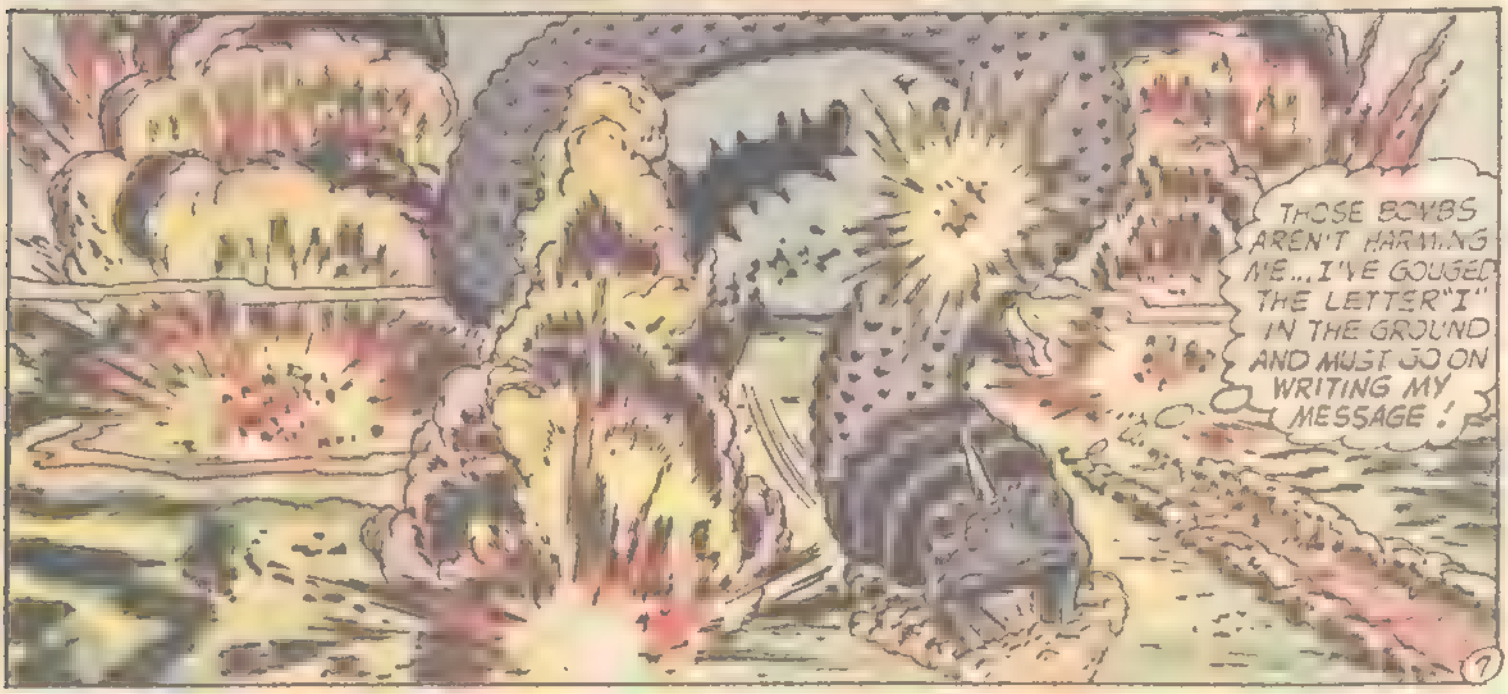

IN A RADAR-ROOM, TENSE OPERATORS HAVE LOCKED ONTO THE MONSTER!
THE BLIP SHOWS THAT THE THING IS DESCENDING AT THAT LOCATION, SIR!
I'LL GET THROUGH TO GENERAL WARDEL AT ONCE!
D E F G H I J K L M N

AND TO THE COMMAND-PLANE, ALREADY HIGH IN THE SKY, COMES AN OMINOUS MESSAGE!
YOU SAY THAT RADAR SHOWS ITS DESCENDING AT F-22 LOCATION! WE'LL BE THERE SOON... ALERT THE TANK COMMANDER!
IT'S GOING TO ATTACK AGAIN!

NO ONE LIVES IN THIS UNINHABITED REGION... I'LL WRITE A MESSAGE THAT "I AM SUPERMAN" BY GOUGING OUT HUGE LETTERS AND WORDS THAT THEY CAN SEE FROM PLANES!


I'LL START BY GOUGING OUT THIS HUGE LETTER "I"!
IT'S TEARING UP THE GROUND IN ITS RAGE! NO ONE LIVES HERE... ATTACK, WITH HEAVY BOMBS!


THOSE BOMBS AREN'T HARMING ME... I'VE GOUGED THE LETTER "I" IN THE GROUND AND MUST GO ON WRITING MY MESSAGE!

BUT AS THE SUPERMAN-MONSTER ZOOMS AROUND TO BEGIN ANOTHER LETTER...
THOSE ARMY TANKS ARE ALL OVER THE FIELD... I CAN'T GOUGE MORE LETTERS WITHOUT DESTROYING THEM! I'VE GOT TO GIVE UP THIS ATTEMPT!
EVEN THE HEAVIEST BOMBS DIDN'T HURT IT!
BUT WE STOPPED ITS ATTACK AND NOW WE'VE GOT IT ON THE RUN! I'LL ORDER THE INTERCEPTOR-PLANES AFTER IT!
...IF ONLY SUPERGIRL SHOWED UP—WE'RE HELPLESS AGAINST THIS KRYPTONIAN CREATURE!
THOSE PLANES CAN'T FLY AS HIGH AS I CAN! I'VE GOT TO TELL THEM SOMEHOW THAT I'M SUPERMAN... MAYBE I CAN DO IT WITH MY BREATH!
MOMENTS LATER...
JUST AS I HOPED! MY BREATH, EXHALED IN THIS ICY STRATOSPHERE, LEAVES A VAPOR-TRAIL... WITH WHICH I CAN SKY-WRITE MY MESSAGE!
BUT REMORSELESSLY, THE REMARKABLE RADAR PINPOINTS ITS TARGET!
CALLING MISSILE BATTERIES! LOCATION OF MONSTER NOW H-39-701... ALTITUDE 92,000 FEET!
GOT IT! WE'LL LAUNCH MISSILES AT ONCE!
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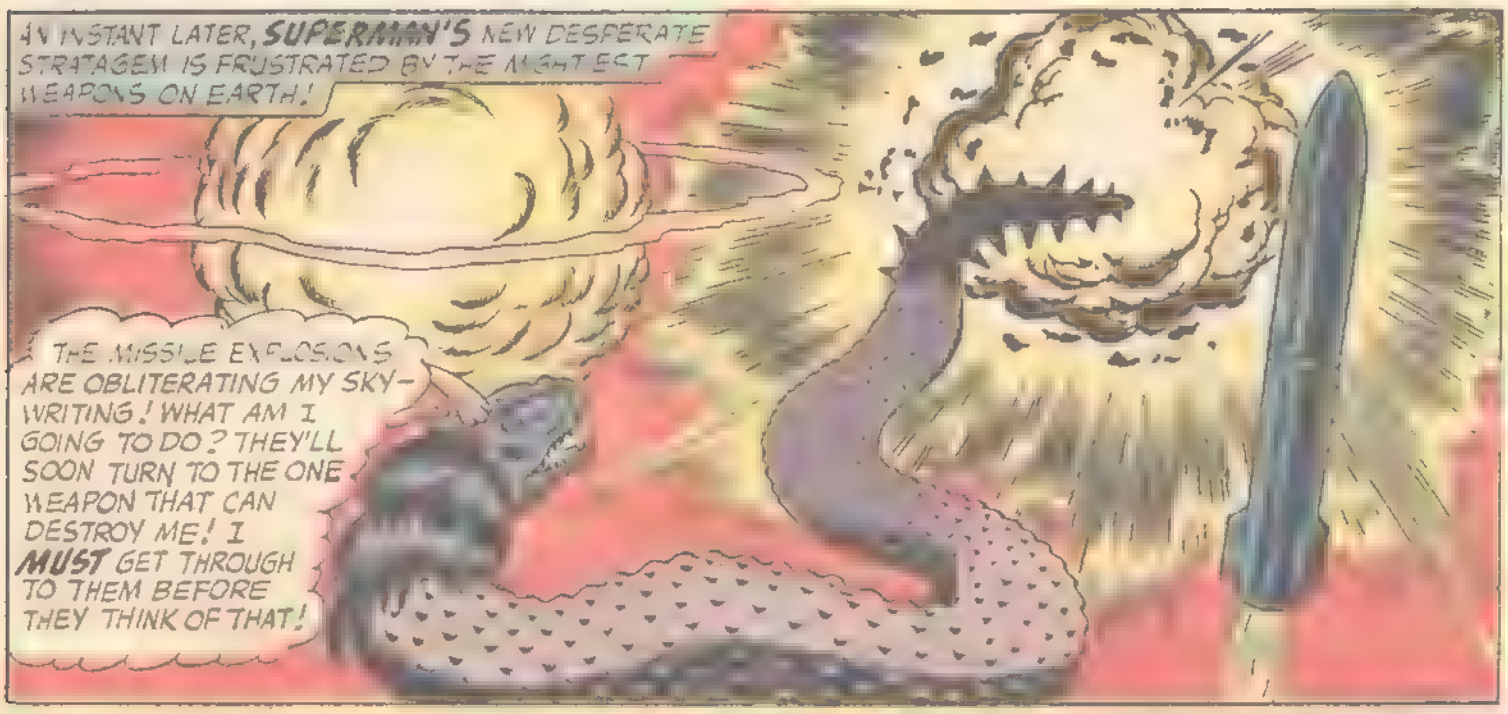
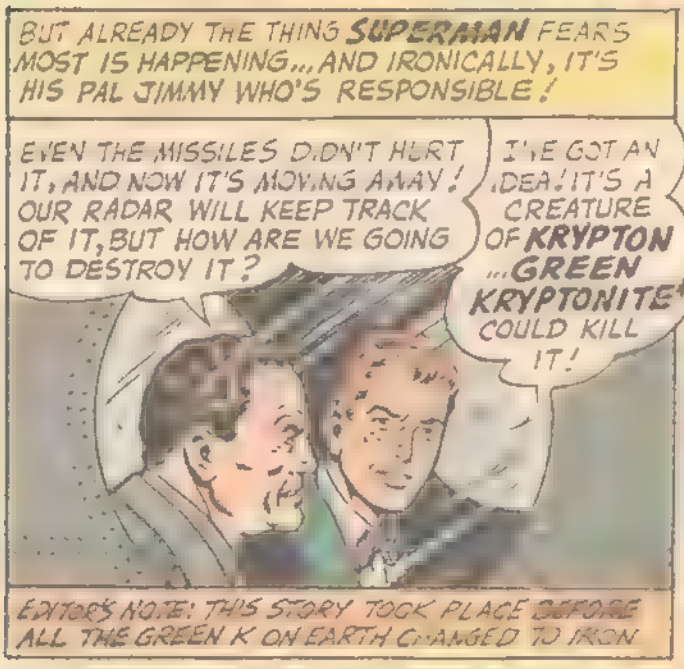
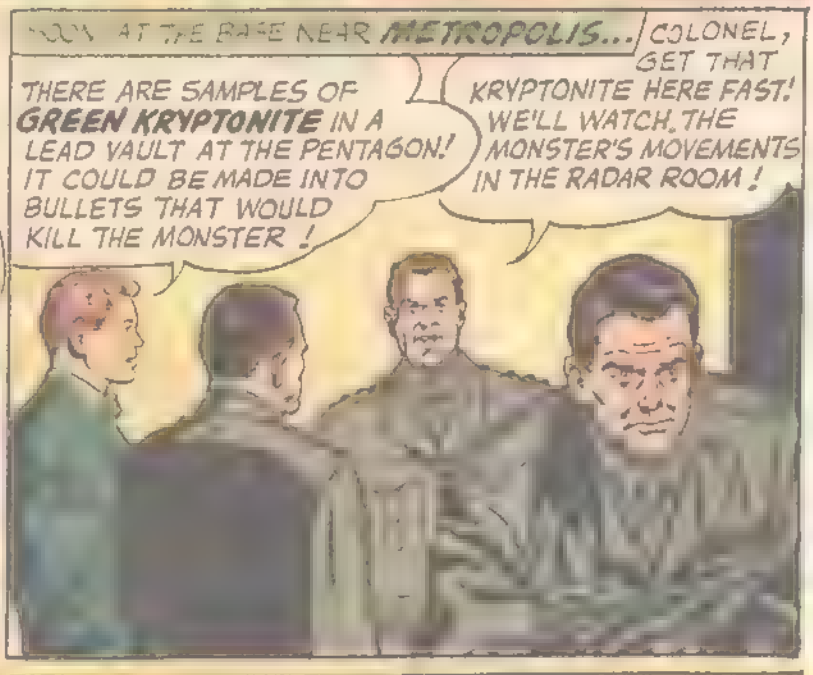
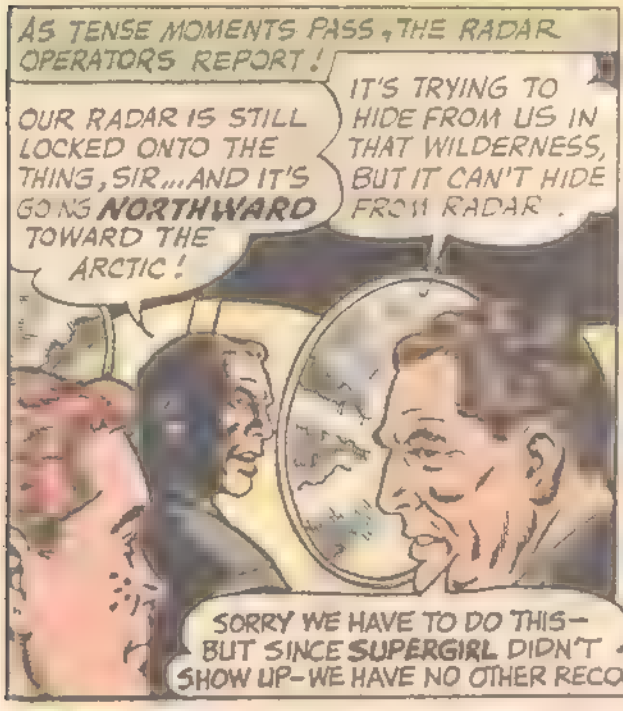
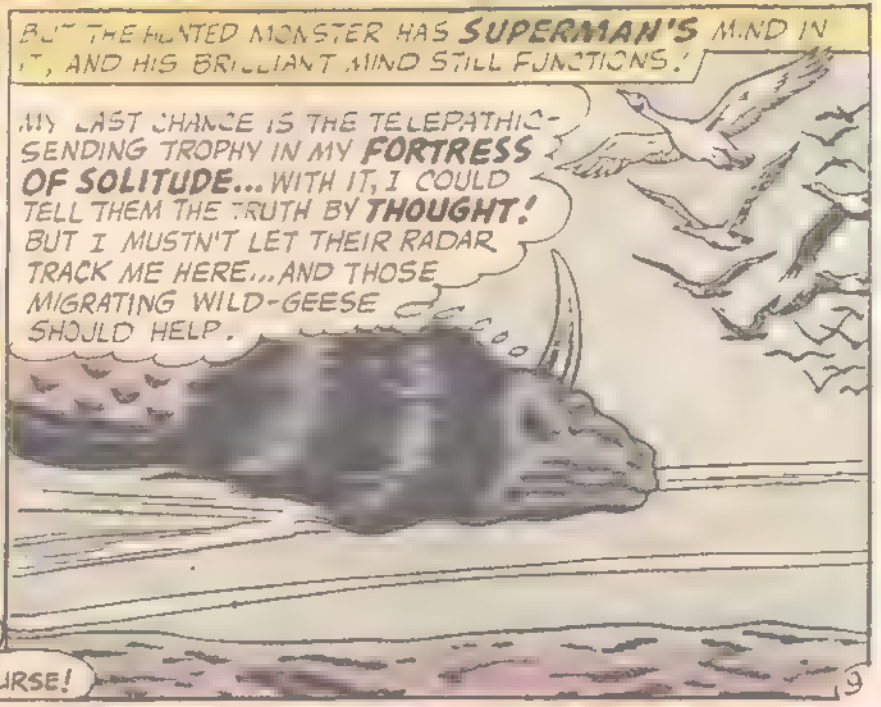

AN INSTANT LATER, SUPERMAN'S NEW DESPERATE STRATAGEM IS FRUSTRATED BY THE MIGHTIEST WEAPONS ON EARTH!
THE MISSILE EXPLOSIONS ARE OBLITERATING MY SKY-WRITING! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? THEY'LL SOON TURN TO THE ONE WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY ME! I MUST GET THROUGH TO THEM BEFORE THEY THINK OF THAT!

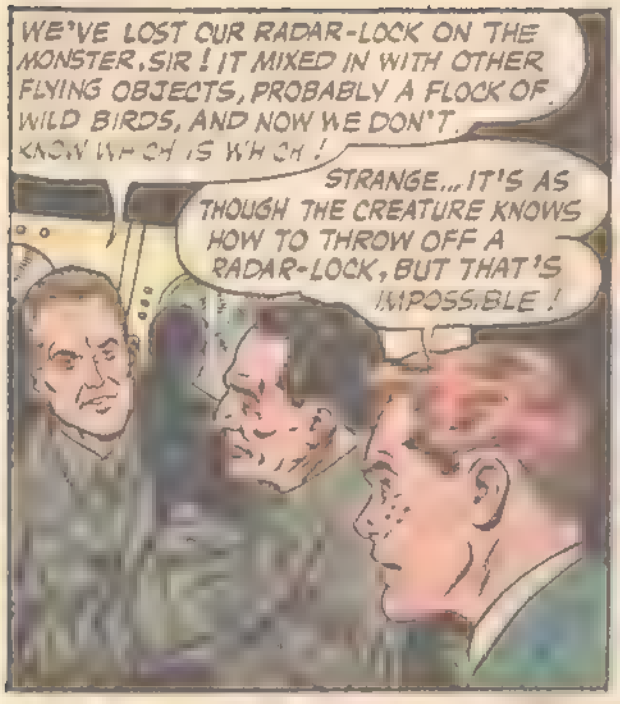

BUT ALREADY THE THING SUPERMAN FEARS MOST IS HAPPENING... AND IRONICALLY, IT'S HIS PAL JIMMY WHO'S RESPONSIBLE!
EVEN THE MISSILES DIDN'T HURT IT, AND NOW IT'S MOVING AWAY! OUR RADAR WILL KEEP TRACK OF IT, BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO DESTROY IT?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT'S A CREATURE OF KRYPTON ...GREEN KRYPTONITE COULD KILL IT!

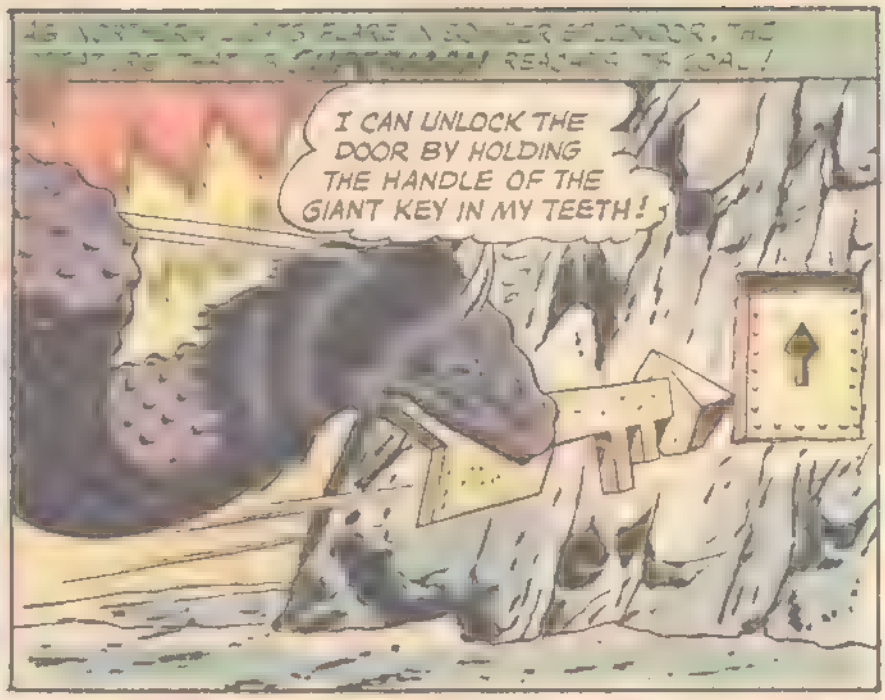
EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS STORY TOOK PLACE BEFORE ALL THE GREEN K ON EARTH CHANGED TO IRON

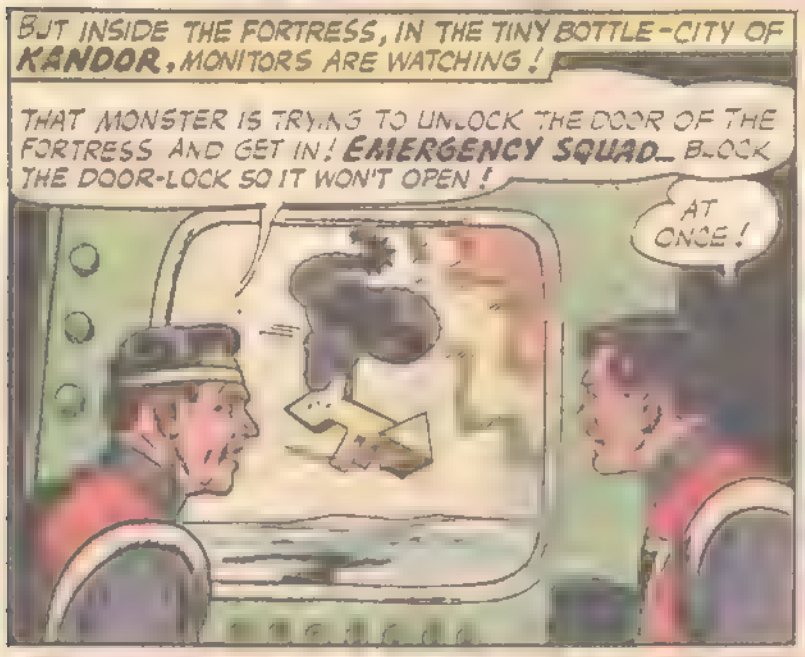

SOON AT THE BASE NEAR METROPOLIS...
THERE ARE SAMPLES OF GREEN KRYPTONITE IN A LEAD VAULT AT THE PENTAGON! IT COULD BE MADE INTO BULLETS THAT WOULD KILL THE MONSTER!
COLONEL, GET THAT KRYPTONITE HERE FAST! WE'LL WATCH THE MONSTER'S MOVEMENTS IN THE RADAR ROOM!

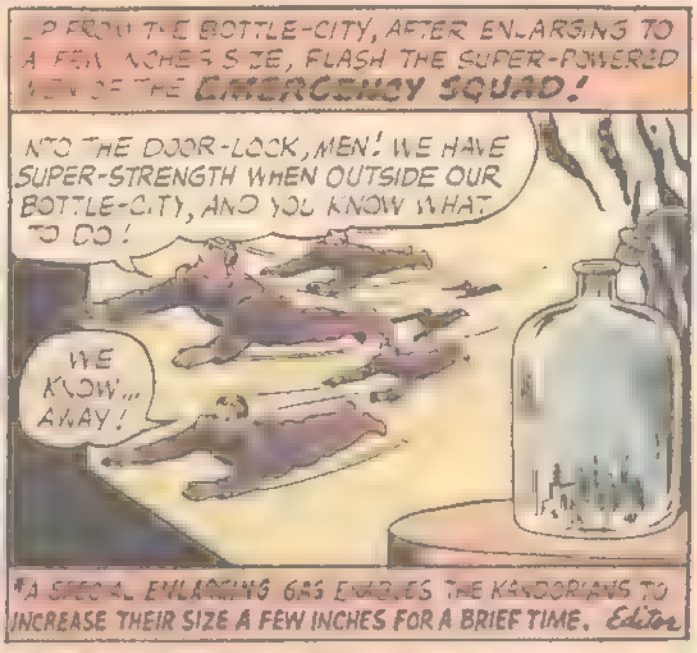

AS TENSE MOMENTS PASS, THE RADAR OPERATORS REPORT!
OUR RADAR IS STILL LOCKED ONTO THE THING, SIR... AND IT'S GOING NORTHWARD TOWARD THE ARCTIC!
IT'S TRYING TO HIDE FROM US IN THAT WILDERNESS, BUT IT CAN'T HIDE FROM RADAR.
SORRY WE HAVE TO DO THIS— BUT SINCE SUPERGIRL DIDN'T SHOW UP—WE HAVE NO OTHER RECOURSE!

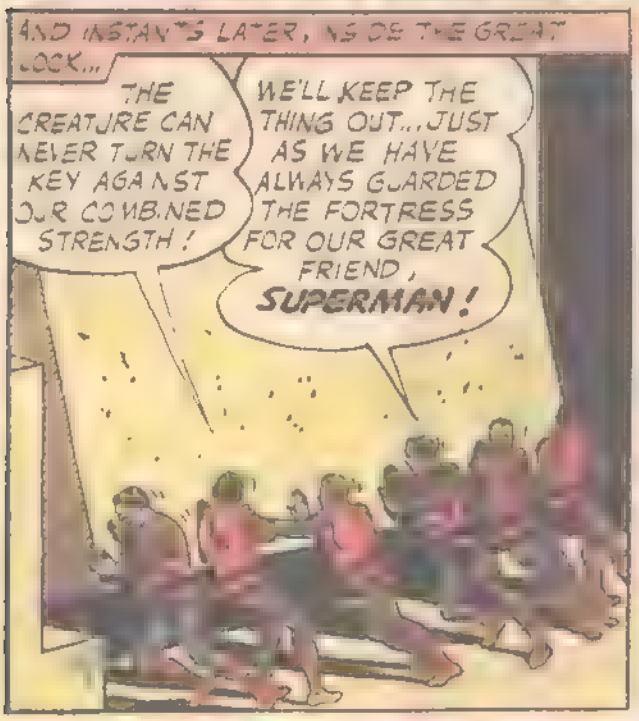

BUT THE HUNTED MONSTER HAS SUPERMAN'S MIND IN IT, AND HIS BRILLIANT MIND STILL FUNCTIONS!
MY LAST CHANCE IS THE TELEPATHIC-SENDING TROPHY IN MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE... WITH IT, I COULD TELL THEM THE TRUTH BY THOUGHT! BUT I MUSTN'T LET THEIR RADAR TRACK ME HERE... AND THOSE MIGRATING WILD-GEESE SHOULD HELP.

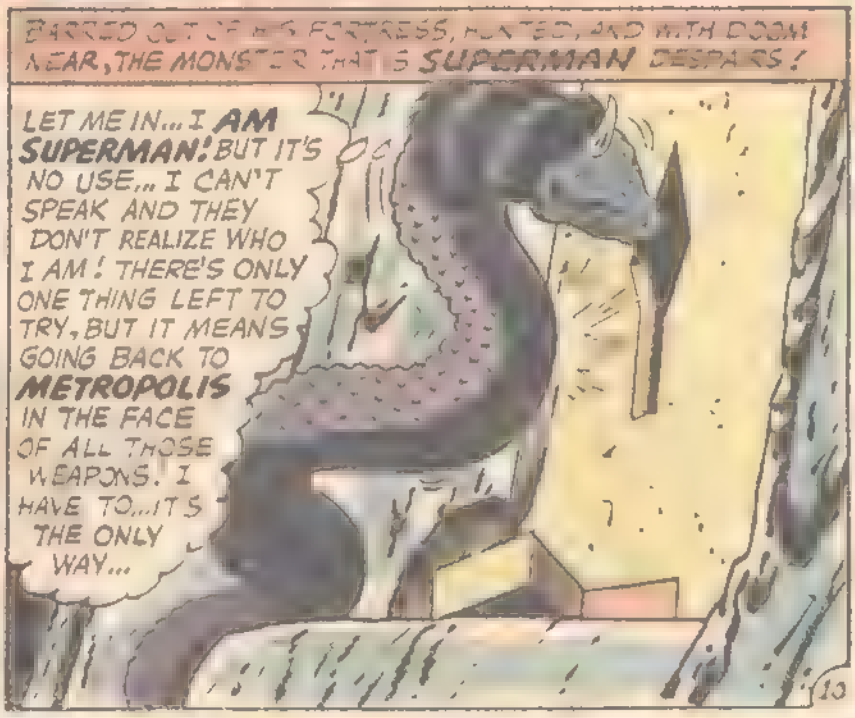

WE'VE LOST OUR RADAR-LOCK ON THE MONSTER, SIR! IT MIXED IN WITH OTHER FLYING OBJECTS, PROBABLY A FLOCK OF WILD BIRDS, AND NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WHICH!
STRANGE... IT'S AS THOUGH THE CREATURE KNOWS HOW TO THROW OFF A RADAR-LOCK, BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


I CAN UNLOCK THE DOOR BY HOLDING THE HANDLE OF THE GIANT KEY IN MY TEETH!


BUT INSIDE THE FORTRESS, IN THE TINY BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR, MONITORS ARE WATCHING!
THAT MONSTER IS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE DOOR OF THE FORTRESS AND GET IN! EMERGENCY SQUAD— BLOCK THE DOOR-LOCK SO IT WON'T OPEN!
AT ONCE!


UP FROM THE BOTTLE-CITY, AFTER ENLARGING TO A FEW INCHES SIZE, FLASH THE SUPER-POWERED MEN OF THE EMERGENCY SQUAD!
INTO THE DOOR-LOCK, MEN! WE HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH WHEN OUTSIDE OUR BOTTLE-CITY, AND YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
WE KNOW... AWAY!
*A SPECIAL ENLARGING GAS ENABLES THE KANDORIANS TO INCREASE THEIR SIZE A FEW INCHES FOR A BRIEF TIME. Editor


AND INSTANTS LATER, AS DE THE GREAT LOCK...
THE CREATURE CAN NEVER TURN THE KEY AGAINST OUR COMBINED STRENGTH!
WE'LL KEEP THE THING OUT... JUST AS WE HAVE ALWAYS GUARDED THE FORTRESS FOR OUR GREAT FRIEND, SUPERMAN!


BARRED OUT OF HIS FORTRESS, HUNTED, AND WITH DOOM NEAR, THE MONSTER THAT IS SUPERMAN DESPAIRS!
LET ME IN... I AM SUPERMAN! BUT IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T SPEAK AND THEY DON'T REALIZE WHO I AM! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO TRY, BUT IT MEANS GOING BACK TO METROPOLIS IN THE FACE OF ALL THOSE WEAPONS. I HAVE TO... IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

BUT WHEN HE NEARS METROPOLIS, SUDDENLY, A SURPRISING SIGHT--SUPERGIRL!
IT'S SUPERGIRL COMING OUT OF THAT CLOUD! SHE THINKS I'M A MENACE AND WILL TRY TO CAPTURE ME! HOW CAN I TELL HER I'M SUPERMAN!
HERE THE GREEN KRYPTONITE BULLETS. THEN! THAT'LL BRING THIS BEAST DOWN!
NEXT MOMENT...
OH-OH...THE R BULLETS MISSED ME AND HIT SUPERGIRL JUST AS SHE CAME OUT OF THAT CLOUD! SHE'S FALLING... AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
GREAT SCOTT! DID YOU SEE THAT? THE MONSTER INTERCEPTED SUPERGIRL'S FALL AND SAVED HER! HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! THE CREATURE SEEMS FRIENDLY!
THEN AMAZINGLY
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS! FIRST, THE CREATURE RESCUED ME--NOW IT SEEMS BENT ON DESTROYING THIS SUPERMAN STATUE!
IN HONOR OF FROM KRYPTO GREATEST HE
NOW IT'S USING ITS TAIL-TIP TO GOUGE OUT SOME OF THE LETTERS OF THE INSCRIPTION! I WONDER IS IT TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME?

THEN...
NOW IT READS, "I AM SUPERMAN" ...BUT THAT'S FANTASTIC! WAIT, THOUGH... THE THING DID SAVE ME WHEN I FELL...AND RED KRYPTONITE HAS WEIRDLY CHANGED SUPERMAN IN THE PAST!
IN HONOR OF THE MAN WHO CAME FROM KRYPTON AND BECAME EARTH'S GREATEST HERO-SUPERMAN
AS SOLDIERS RUSH TO THE SCENE...
DON'T SHOOT! I THINK THAT CREATURE MAY BE SUPERMAN, AND IF IT IS, HE'LL CHANGE BACK TO HIMSELF SOONER OR LATER!
IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE.. BUT AS LONG AS THE CREATURE'S QUIET WE'LL GUARD IT AND WAIT! IF IT MAKES A MOVE, WE'LL SHOOT THE KRYPTONITE AT IT!
HOURS PASS AND THEN COMES A SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION!
SUPERMAN! TO THINK WE HUNTED YOU, DROVE YOU, TRIED TO KILL YOU...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, JIMMY.. YOU COULDN'T KNOW! BUT I'M GLAD THAT SUPERGIRL GOT MY MESSAGE.
BUT I'M GLAD NOW THAT IN THE PAST I'VE HELPED CREATE SANCTUARIES FOR HUNTED WILD ANIMALS! FOR NOW I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ONE!
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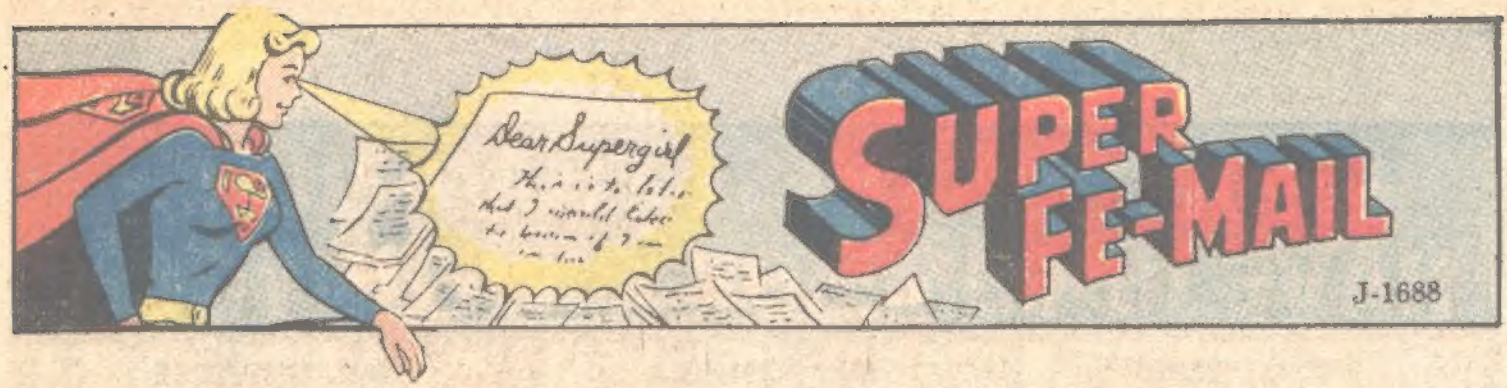

Dear Editor:

I kept pondering the problem and finally I decided that the cover of *Adventure* #415 was the best *Adventure* cover I've ever seen. I don't know exactly why, but the old idea blended with sensational art and color scheme, as well as using both the lettering of *Adventure Comics* and *starring Supergirl*, really made a splendid finished product.

"The Space Pirates" was a superb non-continued story, excellently followed by "Like a Death's-Head in the Sky." I relish Win Mortimer's art, although I did just the opposite 40 issues ago.

All the stories in *Adventure* truly are *adventure—Supergirl's Adventures* are magnificent; the *Adventures* of *Animal Man* are great exploits; and *Zatanna* certainly has interesting *Adventures. Adventure* is one of the best modern comic mags.

One question—are the *Animal Man* features new or reprints? If so, when did they appear originally?

James Balko, Holden, Mass.

(A-Man first appeared in Strange Adventures, *beginning with the Sept., 1965, issue. Yes, they are reprints.)*

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Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the third part of your great *Zatanna* series, and just had to write and let you know how much I enjoyed it. Gray Morrow's art is the best I've ever seen him do, and Wein's story was great!! Until she returns, I'm going to be hounding you guys every issue for more new stories of *Zatanna.* She's fabulous.

P.S. *Supergirl* is okay, too.

Greg W. Myers, Lima, Ohio

(Okay—how about the girl magician in next *issue? We won't have* Zatanna *in* every *issue, but she'll be around frequently.)*

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Dear Editor:

Having recently become interested in comic books from a collector's standpoint, I have begun buying a few issues at newsstands for the first time in many years. Now I would like to throw in my critical comment, particularly regarding *Adventure Comics.*

By the way, I am intrigued by your letters-to-the-editor columns. I think your policy of publishing negative opinions is a great one; I'll bet it doesn't lose you any readers, but only gains you more. It's interesting, too, to see how much of your mail is from adults.

About your stories: I think the smartest move you have made has been to effectively reduce *Supergirl's* super-powers. I would suggest you go further in that direction and let her struggle along without powers on a permanent basis. If that is impractical, perhaps you could give her a costumed side-kick without such powers. I would suggest the same thing where all DC super-heroes are concerned, for that matter.

The literal super-hero was created in the days when comic books were strictly children's literature, and were read by a less-sophisticated generation of children than today's, at that. Today, I think the super-heroes are popular *despite,* rather than *because* of their powers.

An author is working under a major handicap when he tries to place a virtually invincible hero in stories involving suspense and potential disaster. If *Supergirl* can overwhelm her enemies with unthwartable powers, who can get interested in her not-so-perilous perils? The only solution is to contrive some super-weapon for her adversary—but this gimmick long ago became painfully hackneyed. In the case of a "fighting female," it might be wise to give her some limited special advantage or weapon—but she should still be humanly vulnerable if suspense and danger are still the name of the game.

Now, about *Adventure* #415. What perfect support this lends to my argument! Actually, I liked the lead story, and I like Albano's basic style as a writer; *but* his hands are tied by the established *Supergirl* premise. First, he has to go to the terribly hackneyed space-combat setting (as does Wein, also, in fact)—presumably because this is one of the few means of producing any semblance of challenge for the super-heroine. Page 11 of the "Space Pirates" story, for example, could have been taken from any of a thousand science-fiction comics stories. Second, *Supergirl,* because we know that she has super-powers, faces no *real challenge* here.

Supergirl, presented as a gal who (with a specific—but *not* overriding—physical, mental, or mechanical advantage going for her) has the guts to take on all challenges and the resourcefulness to ultimately overcome them, could be a fascinating character. Handled this way, I don't see how her adventures could fail to appeal to the "chauvinist males," the "women's lib" gals, the kids, and all other elements of your readers' market.

Maybe Margie Spears will consider a comment on her letter in #415: Come on, Margie, face facts. You don't have to be a male chauvinist to appreciate a female figure. Do you really think there's anything wrong with male readers enjoying a zowie version of *Supergirl?* I'd say that's natural; it's your resentment that I think may be a little unnatural.

Dave Thompson, Sparks, Md.

(What? Turn our top features into Unsupergirl *and* Nonsuperman? *Change* The Flash *into* The Slowpoke *and make the* Forever People *only temporary? Never! Our mail shows the overwhelming liking of our readers for heroes who are super. If some of 'em had their way, our super-doers would have no weaknesses!)*

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	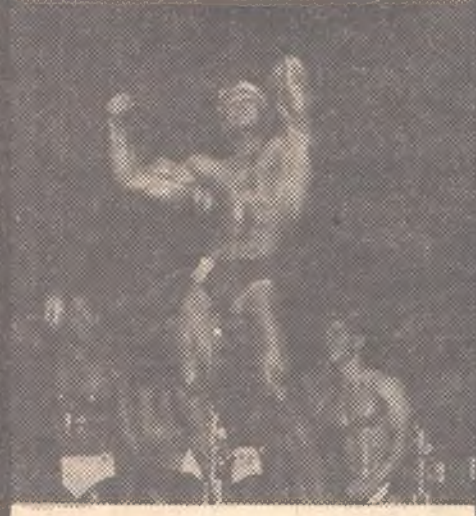	
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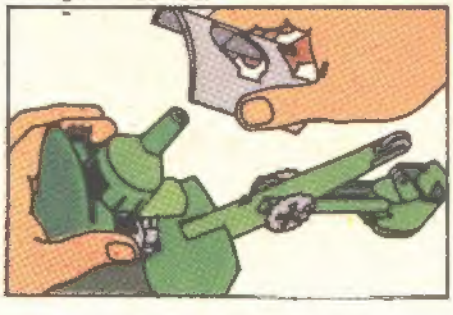

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